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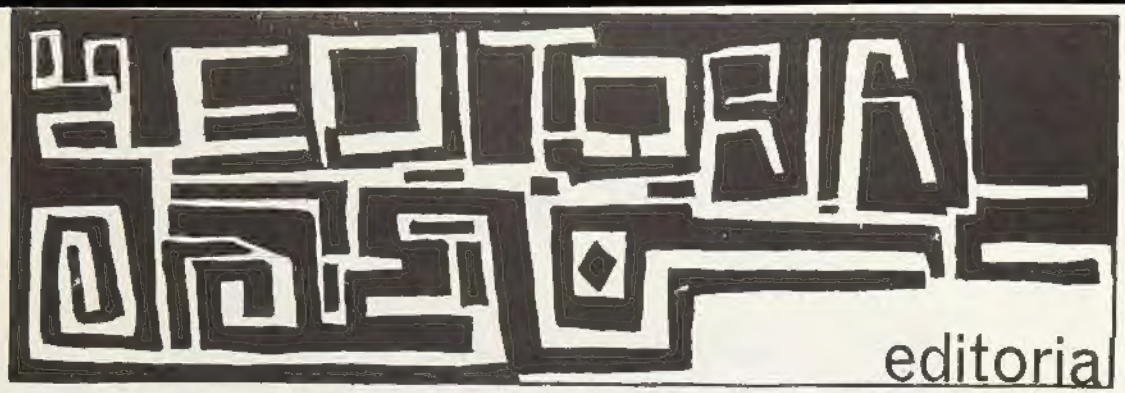
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As the Headmaster pointed out on Commendation Day, we have sixty-five Old Haberdashers at Cambridge. But is the University the be-all-and-end-all of school endeavour? If it is, then I suggest there is something wrong with the school. A student well versed in his 3 'A' level subjects, and nothing else, is an unfinished product; the broad-minded all-rounder is an ideal figure – something we all should aspire to.

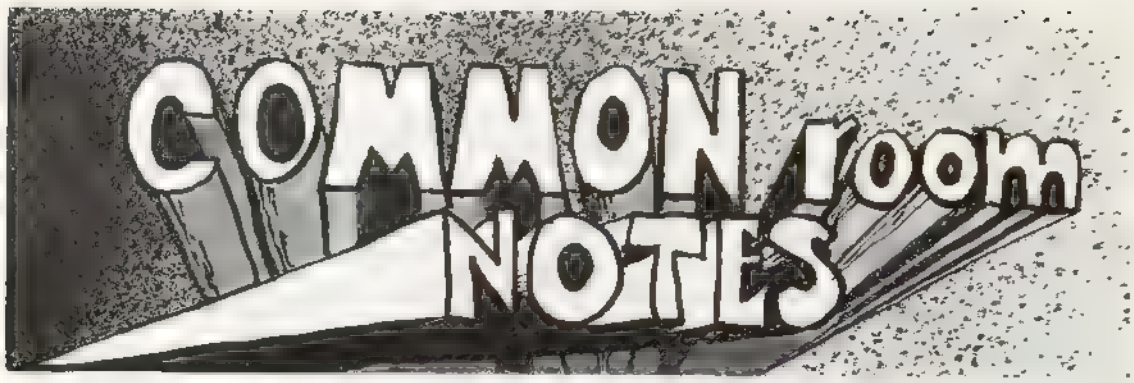
So-called "apathy" is often the result of a genuine desire to go home after school and bury oneself in 'A' level text books. Though the desire is praiseworthy, I think it is a little misguided. James I did likewise, and emerged the "Wisest Fool in Christendom."

How does one get about broadening ones outlook? Certainly reading widely on subjects unrelated to 'A' levels helps, but more knowledge can be gained in far less time from other sources. Confuscius – "Confusing" as the Americans call him, since his statements invariably contradict themselves, said a very true thing: "One picture is worth 1000 words". The Television is both an infernal machine, and the most valuable invention since the printing press. Discerning viewing, in between the necessary work, stimulates and educates the mind, while relaxing it.

The Television, (and the radio for that matter) are one-way channels. One cannot argue or disagree with them. No, surely the most profitable institution is the discussion group. Ever since one prefect announced a "Sceptics" gathering as "There will be a meeting of the Septics today" it has been à la mode to laugh at intellectual endeavour. If one ignores the cynics in the school (for paying attention to them only increases their cynicism), then one can get ahead in the "mind-broadening programme". If a Phoenix Society talk is of no immediate academic value to you, all the more reason to come to it and enlighten yourself. Boys who took a narrow-minded, 'A' level-or-nothing attitude, missed an excellent talk on the trombone by MacGregor, and an equally excellent one by his father on Church influence in the 19th century. Both subjects had little bearing on most boys' 'A' levels, yet in their own rights they were important in enlightening many on subjects they knew nothing about.

Even this dreadful exercise, of staying behind for an hour after school, is too much for most boys. If they will not bring themselves to discussion, let discussion be brought to them. No one would suggest an enlightenment-by-numbers course; but "General Studies" was instigated for a similar purpose, and failed admirably for many years. The discussion-cum-symposium seems to be the only answer. Ideas cast haphazardly into a melting-pot, emerge, under the necessary directions of a member of staff, as concrete self-impressions and suggestions. Boys learn to tolerate the ideas of others, and study them objectively, whilst putting forward necessarily subjective theories. These discussions do occasionally take place both in and out of school time, but they are neither held with women, (do you know, half the world's population consists of them?), or boys from other grammar and, as the word must still be used, public schools. Much is being done already – but discussions with schools such as N.L.C.S. are few and far between. Why cannot we replace the General Studies talks with visits and inter-related group discussions with other schools?

Hieronymous



Those of our readers who attended either of the Commendation Days will already know, from the list of staff changes printed in the programme, how many friends we said farewell to at the end of the Summer Term. These notes can only repeat the names and express a general gratitude for what each individual has done for the school during his or her time with us; to begin enumerating the various contributions would lead to a list which would make a programme in itself.

Mr. M.J.Adams, whom I should like to thank personally for his help on the first few issues of our new-format **Skylark**, *has taken a post as Head of the Art Department at Slough Grammar School; Mrs. S. Alderton leaves the Modern Languages Department entirely in the hands of the men, and Mr.D.C.Burnham has returned to Mount Hermon School, Massachusetts, leaving behind him a number of firmly-made friends and an English Department which is once again firmly in the hands of the English. Mr.G.Constantinople has also returned to the United States, and we wish him all good fortune. Mr.J.Creedy, whose contribution to school Biological studies and Bee-keeping has been a very great one, leaves to become an H.M.I. Mr.J.A D'Arcy of the Maths Department, and also in charge of careers and General Studies (how does one begin to indicate all the hard work all that entailed?), is by now working for Nuffield Research. Mr.B.P.Fitzgerald, Geographer and marksman first-class (again the bald summary of tremendous achievements) has gone to teach, and without doubt shoot, at St. Dunstan's College. The Modern Languages Department also lost one of its men in Mr A.Page who has moved to Luton College of Technology, and the British Shoe Corporation has gained a fine tennis player in Mr. J C.Reynolds who leaves the Geography Department where he did much valuable work. Mrs. E.M.Souch and Mrs. J.D.Smith have left the prep for the family department, and our very best wishes go to both of them and to their families.*

A temporary departure is that of Mr.R.Hedge who has gone to teach for a year at Riverdale School, New York, and in whose place we welcome Mr.G.D.McIver – also from Riverdale – to the History Department. Mrs.E T.Barr joins the Prep Department as do also Mrs M.C.Marshall and Mr. I.R.Turnbull. Mr.D.H.Bennett, whom we have welcomes previously as a student-teacher, now joins the Maths Department full-time, and we welcome also another mathematician, Mr.P.D.Guillebad. Mr.R.D.C.Bunker and Mr.R N.Innes joint the Modern Languages Department; Mr.P.F.Cartwright, the Art Department; Miss R.Dearden, the Geographers; Mr.K.M.Smith, the biologists; Mr M.J.Tailbard, the English Department; and Mr.R.L.Tames, the Economics Department.

Other pieces of news that may be of interest are as follows; Mr.R.A.Bell played regularly for Hertfordshire at cricket, during the Summer, and Mr.D.I.Yeabsley played during the vacation for Devon. Both Mr.Yeabsley and Mr D.F.B.Wrench play for the Harlequins Rugby Club; – Mr.Yeabsley in the back-row, and Mr.Wrench as captain. Mr.J.W.Dudderidge presided, this summer, over the World Canoe Championships in Sweden, and the aesthetes are represented by Mr.L.J.Broderick who has just completed a series of illustrations on the theme of 'Armour and Weapons' for the magazine 'Pictorial Education'.

J.D.M.



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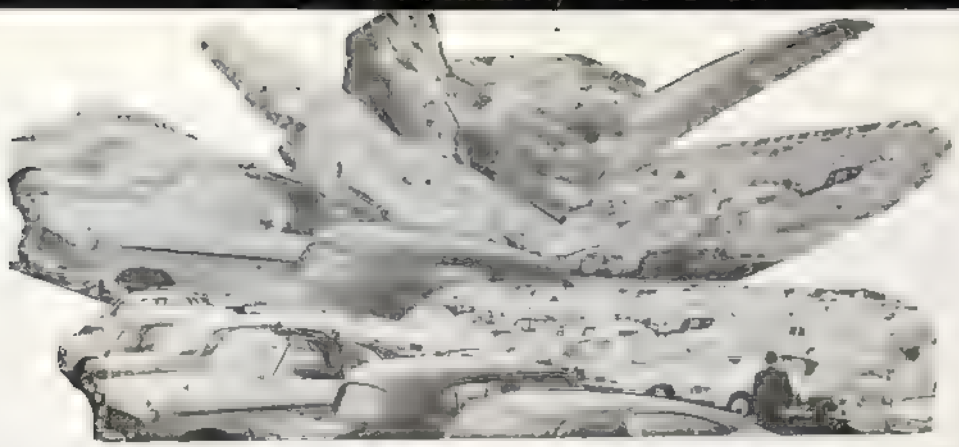
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I have been asked to give my impressions of the School Fete and although two months have elapsed they are as vivid today as they were after my return from what was, perhaps, the most outstanding occasion in the long history of the School:

My wife and I arrived on the Saturday morning, in a blaze of sunshine, to be greeted by some senior boys already dealing cheerfully and efficiently with a constant flow of cars. Although the official Opening Ceremony was not until the afternoon, a vast number of stalls and other activi ties were in full swing and doing a roaring trade.

Somewhat bewildered by the transformation of the normal scholastic calm into the gay and, rather hectic atmosphere of a Fair, we made for the Information Tent where Mr. Squire was in charge, in a hopeful endeavour to discover the whereabouts of Mr. Barling, the Fete organiser. This proved too optimistic and it was some considerable time later that we were hailed by this harassed master who welcomed us and outlined the afternoon's procedure, then vanished hurriedly to complete his multifarious arrangements.

We were now beginning to find a pattern in the organised chaos surrounding us, but no words of mine could describe it so adequately as did the centre pages of the Programme – a truly remarkable artistic effort for which Mr. Broderick deserves high praise.



First the Rugby pitches, covered with cars as far as the eye could see, then the Centre Lawn, surrounded with stalls selling wares of every description and staffed by a host of most enthusiastic parents and friends; next a large refreshment marquee, manned by Old Boys dispensing beverages, of all kinds, with every sign of vast experience. Scattered about the grounds and inside the buildings were displays given by Cadets of the C.C.F. and various shows arranged by other boys, all very well prepared and presented. A reassuring exhibition by members of our hard-working Metropolitan Police, arranged by Inspector S. Lockyear and encouraged by the presence of some other high ranking officers, together with a glimpse of the work of our efficient Fire Brigade lent an unusual interest to the Lower School playground. The Police demonstration in the Upper School playground, of how to use a pedestrian crossing looked as hazardous as it was amusingly instructive but I have a strong feeling that some of the motorists involved would have faced a driving charge in real life which might have proved to be very expensive! Nearer to Aldenham House a "space-car" moved incessantly towards the sky and back, more to the delight of hordes of small children than to Mr. Lear, the "Space Man" in charge, who was coping with a heavy responsibility. Along the adjacent paths the ponies were well patronized and a magnificent stage coach plied for hire in unaccustomed surroundings, a children's playground, near to the Headmaster's House, gave pleasure to the younger visitors, as well as a splendid opportunity to wear out the seats of their pants on the slide and a chance for Mrs. Taylor and her helpers to exercise their maternal skill to the full. From such a "colossal, stupendous" production I have of necessity omitted much that deserves to be mentioned and for this I apologise.

After enjoying the hospitality of the Headmaster and Mrs. Taylor at lunch, in the Company of Mr. Bentley, the Chairman of the Governors, Miss Elizabeth Larner, a special guest, and other friends of the School we adjourned to the Stalls arena for the Opening Ceremony. This was initiated by a cavalcade of Mounted Police but the absence of the C.C.F. Band from the head of the parade was a great disappointment to me and to many others



However with the presentation of bouquets by the School Captain and a few kind words of introduction by the Chairman, the Fete was duly opened and the serious business of spending money began again in earnest...

Here I must express my thanks to Dr. Taylor for the honour of his invitation to open the Fete, for the warmth of his welcome to my wife and me, and for the attentive manner in which he escorted us on a round of visits to the various stalls. Never again may we hope to have our shopping basket carried by a Headmaster!

A word of well deserved praise is due to the Treasurer, Mr. Chapallaz, and his band of helpers, led most appropriately by the Mathematics staff, seated at the receipt of custom in the entrance hall of Aldenham House. Assisted by like-minded volunteers from the parents, they dealt with thousands of pounds during the course of the day and as I saw them slaving away I thought of the plight of all the "back-room boys" hard at work in so many different places — the Pavilion and Hall among them — and my sympathy went out to them and to Mr. Bell, Mr. Thomas and all other masters so deeply involved with them.

So, at the end of the afternoon, we returned to the platform for the distribution of prizes. Here the efforts of Mr. Rolfe and the many sellers of tickets came to a happy conclusion — at least for the winners and in particular for Miss Knight, a senior girl at the Acton School, who won the red Austin Mini.

Came, at last, the end of a perfect day and thousands of visitors must have left the School grounds, as we did, filled with admiration for the combined operation of masters, parents and boys which had achieved, quite obviously, a far greater success than could have been anticipated even by the most optimistic.

Congratulations to all concerned!

W.H.Crossman



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The School Concert is very much the musical event of the year with large numbers of boys and masters generously giving of their time and energies to make the two evenings a memorable and satisfying experience for performers and audience alike. Therefore the Sonata Pian e Forte by Gabrielli, an organist of St. Mark's and a composer of music for ceremonial occasions, was particularly suitable for creating at the outset an atmosphere appropriate to the occasion. Within the acoustic limitations of the school hall, the Senior Brass Ensemble ably directed by Mr. Wesley Woodage produced a spacious and richly impressive sound of restrained grandeur which never overstepped the mark into mere pomp. The group responded well to the dynamic contrasts of the sonata with careful distinction between the extremes of soft and loud. It was an impressive introduction to the evenings programme

To turn from Gabrielli to Mozart is to move from the formality of the cathedral to the refined intimacy of the civilised drawing room, and the school orchestra was quite equal to the demands of the piano concerto in A major (K.488), a work which ranks among the finest compositions of a most prolific master. All the parties concerned, the conductor, Mr. Taylor, soloist David Trafford, and the orchestra consisting mainly of boys from the school and girls from the Henrietta Barnett School, emerged with great credit. The first movement may not have approached an ideal of Mozartian delicacy and the string tone may have been a little thin for the purist but this was more than compensated for by the firm, vigorous and remarkably confident playing of the orchestra as a whole. Lightness of touch was supplied splendidly by David Trafford who, after a few minor slips, imprinted his personality on the performance. The second movement was restrained but moving with Mr. Taylor commendably resisting the temptation to indulge in excessive rubata, and the brooding sadness growing out of the entry of the soloist never became too powerful for comfort. A fine pace characterised the last movement and if some of the finer details of the music were lost, this did not detract from the impact of the work throughout which the thoughtful interpretation and firm control of Mr. Taylor were a dominant factor.

Among musicologists, Carl Orff is often treated with polite condescension for his deficiencies in the field of counterpoint, but whatever the value of this criticism, it is undeniable that his handling of the multifarious collection of songs in 'Carmina Burana' is exhilerating and exciting in its own way. With its variety of mood and rhythmic and percussive nature, the work presents opportunities for vital and dramatic treatment which were firmly seized by those performing. The school choir assisted by the Henrietta Barnett School choir was in fine voice with the individual sections making their entries strongly and confidently Very competent performances were given by the guest soloists, Robin Bell, soprano, John Carter, tenor, and Hugh Sheehan, baritone, and both choir and soloists were splendidly supported by the orchestra in which the brass section was particularly prominent. Nuances of text and music were carefully brought out of the controlled direction of the conductor, and the work rolled powerfully and irresistibly to its climax to round off a most impressive and entertaining musical evening

N G – S

(The editors are privileged to publish this additional review by Stanley Sadie of "The Times")

Half the art of providing a successful school concert lies in choosing the right music. Part of last May's programme almost chose itself; the strength of the Senior Brass Ensemble dictated the selection of the Gabrieli *Sonata Pian'e Forte*, the most interesting item in the not-too-difficult seventeenth century brass repertory; and David Trafford's gifts as a gentle, lyrical Mozart player made the A major concerto an obvious choice. And Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* not only makes a splendid outlet for high spirits but is one of the few works for choir and orchestra where the odd wrong notes don't interfere with the enjoyment, and which also can benefit from the presence of some extra wind players.

The Gabrieli started shakily – one or two chords were neatly but uncomfortably poised between D major and D minor – but soon settled down properly in tune. *Piano* and *forte* contrasts were well managed; usually school ensembles are generous with the *forte* but decidedly sparing of anything really *piano*. The trombone sound was pleasantly warm. But I thought it was a pity not to make more of the stereo effects which are built into the music; pieces like this were inspired by the architecture of St.Mark's in Venice, with its galleries on opposite sides. The Haberdashers' School Hall is no St.Mark's, but separating the contrasting groups could have made it seem more like it.

David Trafford's performance of the Mozart, sympathetically supported by Mr. Alan Taylor's direction, was a delight. At the very beginning there was a touch of nervous over-pedalling, but the first movement as a whole was beautifully done. David Trafford knows the secret, which many pianists find elusive, of how to round off a phrase gracefully. His semiquaver passages were clear and well shaped, his rhythm firm and lively. In the slow movement there was a lot of fine expressive detail, but I think it could have been still better a shade slower and if David Trafford had given the music more time to breathe – one phrase sometimes followed another a little too soon. The finale, though taken rather fast for the woodwind's comfort, was very neatly played. Perhaps a touch more of sheer brilliance would not have hurt; but the whole performance was thoroughly musicianly. Not many pianists watch the conductor and listen to the orchestra with such care. I much look forward to hearing David Trafford again after he has had a spell at the Royal College of Music.

What struck me as outstanding about the performance of *Carmina Burana* was its confidence. Even occasional wrong notes were played without inhibitions. And this is the only way to deal with the work. Mr. Alan Taylor set clear and strong rhythms, and produced a full-throated sound from the choirs (the School's was augmented by girls from Henrietta Barnett) – a better, fresher sound than many professional choirs of adults can provide. The attack was excellent, and some of the softer singing too was impressive, for example by the altos and basses at the beginning of 'In Springtime'; of course the tenors, as always happens in the southern half of England, were slightly below strength. Mr. Taylor did well to bring out differences in mood between the various sections of the work – the springtime vigour contrasted well with the softer colours of the love music. It was altogether an inspiriting occasion.

ROMEO & JULIET in GERMANY

Reulingen — Ludwigsburg — Offenburg — Karlsruhe Aschaffenburg — Mannheim

An audience of friends and relations does not provide many incentives to professionalism; there is often condescension when the cast would prefer considered judgement, or light-hearted indifference greets an interpretation meant to be provocative, illuminating, or just interesting. The conditions of production add further potential for laxity, stage staff needed only for the final rehearsals are never comfortably integrated into the company, and actors sense something missing in a production nurtured on furtive twilight rehearsals and presented as an afterthought to a school-day. A tour of public theatres presents all the challenges that are absent or diluted in school performances. Each audience has an unpredictable personality and the design of each theatre poses a score of interesting problems that could not have been foreseen. But the audiences can be responded to, the problems overcome, only if the company can work as a social unit, each member implicitly recognising the indispensability of every other member and of his or her own effort. It was in this respect that the school's first cultural invasion of Germany for six years was an unqualified success.

From the earliest meetings in Autumn it became evident that Mr. Stuart had chosen a cast entirely devoid of internal feuds or intolerance. This unprecedented circumstance certainly arose from the presence of girls for the first time on the Elstree stage. (For this reason alone it would be tragic to revert to Shakespearian stage misogyny at Haberdashers). With the growing prospects of a German tour, the obvious need for economy of manpower and an elaborate system of understudies gave a sense of interdependence and enthusiasm that must have been evident at the performances at Elstree in February 4. A few days at Easter, during which movement was simplified for greater adaptability and Mr. Lear's neat and attractive portable set was introduced, convinced everyone that only the most Philistine audiences, Puritan lack of theatre equipment and Spartan-host families could deprive us of an enjoyable experience. As the coach drove down the autobahn with a boisterous reading of 'Coriolanus' on the back seat, a bridge party in the middle and community singing at the front, we assured ourselves that no lack of zest on our part would bring about the mediocrity of performance that can come from a tired and unhappy cast.

There were, as it transpired, no grounds for fearing any failing in appreciation, theatre facilities or hospitality. Though few of the theatres provided the versatile and extensive stage equipment that has been built up at Elstree during the past six years, we did not find in even the smallest town a theatre that would disgrace London and everywhere gangs of stagehands were available to help with the scenery and lighting. (At Offenburg, the theatre was so well staffed that one was apt to trip over a cigar-smoking fireman when making an entrance on stage.) Tickets for nearly all the performances had been sold out weeks beforehand. The well-timed response to Shakespeare's most obscure jokes in all six theatres proved that many of the spectators had read the play attentively before our performance, and in Ludwigsburg we were informed that the older students of the 'Gymnasium' had been studying the play for several weeks before our arrival, with intensive vocabulary tests and discussions.

The hospitality was so universally overwhelming as to be almost embarrassing. The strange epidemic that appeared to have struck down all the Lord Mayors and local dignitaries in South-West Germany did not infect the copious meals that were offered to us both at official feasts and in individual families. It was the contact with our host families that was unanimously recognised to be the most worthwhile aspect of the tour, and few of us returned home without a list of half-a-dozen German addresses that we had promised to revisit, and with memories of meeting lively and interested young Germans in the theatres, schools, cafes, inns and homes.



It would be insincere to pretend that all the performances and towns were equally enjoyable. We had been told by staff veterans of previous tours that the theatre at Aschaffenburg would be the most intimate and its audience the most receptive. Not only was this the case, but its design also allowed many new inspirations to be added to the production, including a conversation from opposite aisles between Mercutio and Benvolio over the heads of the astonished spectators in the stalls. Though we had nowhere met with anything less than exceptional friendliness, a longer stay here than in the other towns provided an opportunity for the most interesting social encounters, and for several hours' relaxation. This performance, the fifth and greatest success, left us in fortunately good spirits for our final appearance in the Mannheim Mussensaal, a huge and ill-equipped concert-hall with an impossibly rowdy audience, an irritating microphone system and hordes of uninvited and unwelcome visitors in the cramped dressing-rooms. Had this been the first performance, the eager soul of the cast might have been damaged, but after such an unequivocally triumphant tour this débacle was faced with considerable humour.

It is perhaps unfair to mention individual successes from such a vivacious and unified cast, but Naomi Friedman (the new Nurse), Peter Gatrell (who replaced his brother for four performances as

Friar Lawrence while continuing to play the Prince) and Greg Wolton (who took over the part of Paris from George Davis, held prisoner by his tonsils in Offenburg) gave performances which entered into and encouraged the unity of the cast far more than could have been imagined. The minor adjustments and replacements necessitated by the use of understudies worked always without the slightest difficulty. The group of indefatiguable choirboys-cum pages-cum-stagehands that seemed always to be able to rejuvenate flagging enthusiasm deserves recognition as a more vital section of the cast than would ever have been expected.

If the School had to wait another six years before despatching the next coach-load of actors or a foreign tour, not only would the standard of dramatic teamwork at Elstree and Canons Park suffer sadly, but several generations of young actors would be deprived of an unusual and rewarding (even if sometimes demanding and tiring) adventure. After the tour of 'Romeo & Juliet', such a series of visits to foreign towns must become the highlight and aim of each future production, and never again the uncertain postscripts to successful performances at Elstree.

John Launer.

FOR THOSE AT SEA

°336 *W. Whiting*, 1825–78

ETERNAL Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bad'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

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3 O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour,
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea

The School Confirmation was held on Monday, June 12th in the Parish Church of St.Nicholas, Elstree. Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of St.Albans (The Right Rev. Michael Gresford-Jones) to sixteen boys, who were presented by the School Chaplain (The Rev.J.W.H. Redfearn) in the presence of a large congregation of parents, Godparents, masters and friends.

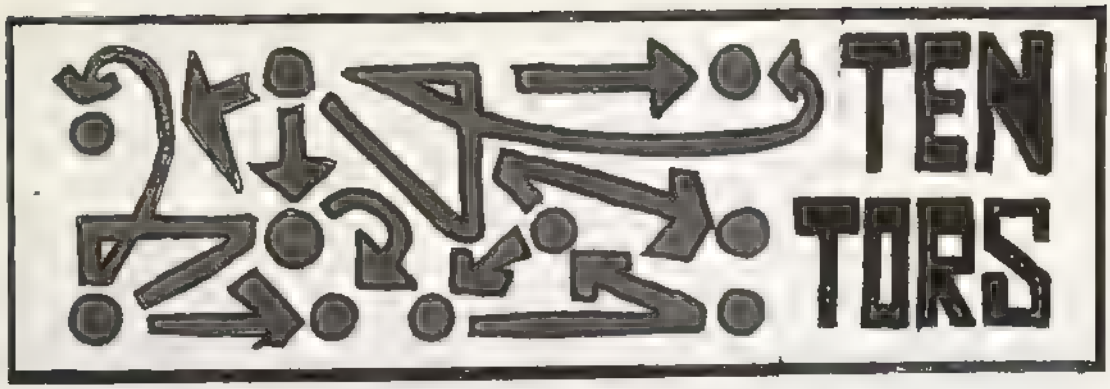
Before the essential rite of the laying-on of hands, the Bishop preached on the text "Jesus said 'I have called you friends. I have chosen you'." He spoke of Confirmation, with its further spiritual opportunities, as a means of strength in front of the hazards of life. Just as Sir Francis Chichester in his remarkable voyage, had found it necessary to call in at Sydney and have the keel of *Gipsy Moth* strengthened and reshaped before the onset of worse weather and the dangers of the Horn, so in Confirmation we take steps to bring our lives under the direction and help of the Holy Spirit, so that spiritually we may not be blown off our course.

The boys whom the Bishop confirmed, were: *Philip Bell, Andrew Blasing, Peter Cook, Paul Denerley, Simon Farley, Julian Goater, Kim Harris, Nicholas Harvey, Andrew Kleissner, Bruce Lyons, Michael McClelland, Edward Perkins, Peter Reiss, Ian Sewell, Nicholas Wells and Peter Williams.*

George Felton could not be presented, because he was recovering from appendicitis.

The thanks of the School are due to the Rev. L. Wood, the Rector of Elstree, who has always shown the most helpful interest in the arrangements of the Service

Confirmation in 1968 will be administered by the Bishop of Bedford in Elstree Parish Church on Tuesday, May 28th.



Ten Tors, is, in a sense, a race, a team of 6 having to complete a mileage in a given time. I say in a sense, because the aim is to complete the course as a full team rather than arrive first, although to be first as well is an achievement. It takes place on the wilds of Dartmoor and is organized by the army. The team comprised of C.C.F. N.C.O's, Anthony Frank, Alistair McGregor, John Caldwell, Robin Barlow, David Vanstone and their captain, Philip Naylor.

Arriving at Denbury Camp on Friday evening we received our maps and instructions and were shown to our camping area for the night – a field with the tents of 1500 other male competitors.

The actual walking distance for our team, on the 16-18 age group, was 50 miles, and we were given a max. of 36 hours in which to complete this distance with a compulsory overnight stop, on the Saturday night, of 10 hours. All food, spare clothing, tents, bedding, rain protection, medical equipment, and any other kit we wished to take with us had to be carried on our backs, so naturally weight economising was vital. This we managed to accomplish extremely well, from experience on practice walks. To make sure we economised on time as well, we prepared our lunch for Saturday and Sunday – sandwiches. Speed would play an essential role if we were to accomplish our objective, and so whenever possible we wasted not a moment.

At 4.30 a.m. the next morning (Saturday) we got up. We had to leave at 5.45 for the official start and thought 1½ hours ample time to get ready, yet we had to hurry in the end; and it was pouring outside, everything was muddy, and damp, and we all felt tired and dejected. With care, patience and without any accidents we managed to cook our breakfast in the doorways of our tents, then pack our gear, and set off for the start.

Having, at the start, been given the list of tors we had to visit, we left at 7.00 a.m. The rain was still coming down as we trudged off into the mist, the only noises being our boots splashing and thumping as they hit the road surface, and the whistle of the wind around our anorak hoods. Nobody spoke at all except for the occasional cynical remark from one of us, or the voice of our able captain and map reader, bellowing directions from the rear of our column. Once we had left the road, at the village of Widecombe on the Moor, it was compass and map reading to find the ten tors.

The day was generally depressing. Although we reached our objective of seven tors, the rain never really ceased. Our capes had to be worn all day, and even if for a moment it stopped drizzling, within minutes it began again. Our boots were entirely waterlogged, and each pace brought our ankles into the mud. At one time we had to ford a river to continue our route. There was no choice but to go in up to the knees, and as our feet were already so wet it made little difference.

The fear that we would not complete the course in the specified time crossed several of our minds, but there was always somebody optimistic who reckoned we would achieve our ambition. That we had not travelled all the way to Devon to give up just because of bad weather, was the general feeling. Why should we stop for rain? Surely we had only been set an even more difficult target to accomplish. What we were afraid of more, was that one of us might not be able to continue for some reason, which would invalidate the remaining team's efforts. This is what we had set out to accomplish, so we had to achieve our goal.

All Saturday we tramped on through the squelching undergrowth, seeing just the fern and moss around us, for the clouds never lifted till about 6.00 p.m. Once once we lost our way for a short time, for with visibility so bad, it was difficult to find our direction. Apart from a few sheep, and army cadets manning the check points we saw nothing; any beautiful scenery that was normally to be admired, was lost in the blanket of cloud that covered the entire expanse of Dartmoor.

We stopped walking shortly after 8.00 p.m. and set up our camp quickly, somewhat happy, knowing that the bulk of tors had been reached and climbed. The night remained dry, but within a short while of striking camp, on Sunday morning, clouds once more enveloped the countryside, and on went our capes again. But we were generally happy, as finishing was now more of a reality, we were getting closer to the finishing point. Events though were not so smooth and perfect as had been the day before. Alistair had to attend to a blister. Then later in the morning Robin and I had upset stomachs, and in the afternoon I was subject to two small but painful blisters under my little toes. This slowed us considerably as we made our way through the wet, and I was getting fed up.

Yet I had to and would be forced to carry on, for the end was nearer, and although they were a dichotony in opinion.

"Why not take it easier," said David, supported by Philip and myself.

"No, on the contrary, let's get on with it," voiced Alistair, John and Robin.

Our opinions were split over how we should tackle the last few miles, so it was decided that my blisters should lead the way as fast as possible. Mutual agreement, and we plodded on, eventually climbing the steep valleyside of a river. There, on the horizon, about one hour's walking distance away lay Willsworthy Camp, the finishing point, its innumerable tents, huts, and vehicles, lying on the far-off hillside.

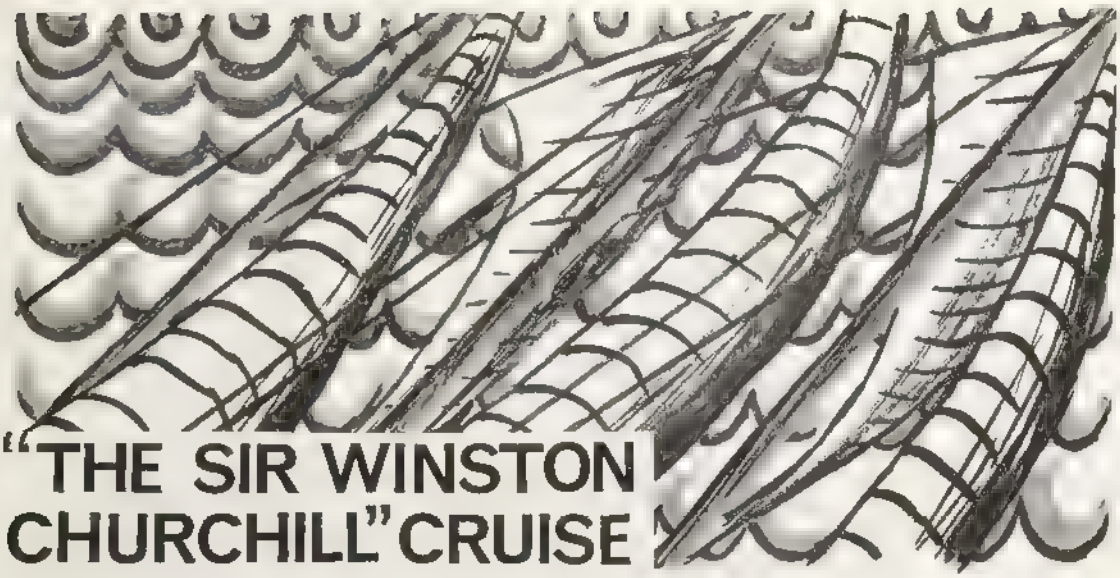
To see your destination has a psychological effect, and I found myself more than once being told to slow down. Despite my feet, which only troubled me when I remembered their state, I tended to race ahead. Really, the solution to the art of walking is entirely psychological. It is determination which makes it possible. Although nothing spectacular, it was because our captain was so optimistic (at least that is what he tried to make us believe), that we managed to finish well within the specified time.

We arrived to the cheering and clapping of spectators, and the few teams who had already arrived at the finishing line. Almost too exhausted to thank well-wishers, and be presented with with our medals and certificates we were driven back to Denbury Camp – fast asleep.

Anthony Frank, 6A.Modern

ED. 1. Out of 50 50-mile teams that entered, the school teams finished 8th out of the 22 that finished complete with 2 hours to spare.

2. In 1966 the same team with Michael Collins instead of Robin Barlow competed with equally good results, for out of 400 35-mile teams, only 80 finished complete.



"THE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL" CRUISE

The Sir Winston Churchill is a three mast topsail schooner and belongs to the Sail Training Association. Launched in 1965 she carries 42 trainees of 16 – 24 years old on fortnightly cruises throughout the year. In the summer vacation Robin Farley and myself, sponsored by the Haberdashers' company, became two such trainees and joined the schooner at Dartmouth. We were quickly equipped with our working clothes and the training started within an hour of joining The rigging and bridge equipment were explained and then came the first meal on board.

The trainees were divided up into three watches and next morning our watch was on deck at 6a m. polishing the brass. This was a taste of the hours we were to keep later in the cruise. Breakfast was at 8a.m. and then the first training on the sails began. At 3.00 p.m. we put to sea, which to me seemed to be very rough. Gradually the trainees lost their smiles and intermittent rushes to the rail betrayed our maladies. The cook's pork chops were not appreciated at dinner and many exhausted and empty trainees retired to their bunks. But there was to be no rest, for at 1.30 in the morning we were all on deck putting into Plymouth to shelter from a storm.

The next two days went by and we reached Milford Havern. Stomachs had settled down, our blistered hands were healing and the trainees had formed into a Ship's Company. Two nights ashore with entertainments provided by the Pembroke Council, then we were off to Dublin. These were the best two days' sailing of the cruise, with a fine wind and sunshine. During those two days all the trainees summoned enough courage to climb to the crows nest, which was 65ft up the mast.

From Dublin we sailed to Rothesay then up the Clyde to Glasgow. On this last leg the press invaded us with interviews, and photographs were the rule of the day. Then it was farewell to the schooner and home to comfort and idleness.

During that fortnight we had experienced acute discomfort with few hours of sleep, the blistered hands, the sea-sickness and wet clothes. Also fear was experienced, when climbing the mast in a gale, and excitement throughout the trip. We had not only learnt about sailing and navigation but also we had discovered something inside ourselves. I myself thoroughly enjoyed the cruise and I hope that more boys will take advantage of this excellent scheme.

M.H.Ross

GERMAN TRIP summer 1967

Nineteen Haberdashers standing on Platform number 7 at Victoria. Then train, boat-train, train, through the heart of Europe, and a weary arrival eighteen long hours later.

Germany; Schwabisch Hall, a small town in the south-west to be precise. Schwabisch Hall represented the two broad classifications of our holiday in a Medieval town set in a forested valley. The hilly countryside is gorged with numerous winding river valleys. It is ideal hiking country and the ever shining sun complementing a blue sky enhanced it even more. This region of Germany is basically agricultural with wheat, maize and other food-crops growing up the valley slopes. But the strip-farming system, a remnant of feudalism, still remains and, coupled with the archaic machinery used (horses can be seen in the fields), must make farming there a most uneconomical proposition.

The old town of Schwabisch Hall lies on the banks of the River Kocher. Settlements on that site were first founded way back in pre-history because of its salt-spring (now long dried up) a most valuable possession right up to the days of refrigeration. Much of the old town remains; timbered houses, a church with so many steps leading up to it that plays are performed on them. The interior of the Baroque Town Hall where we were officially received was burnt out during the war, but has now been reconstructed exactly as it was before. The town's strong walls were complete up till the 19th Century when one whole side was mercilessly demolished in building a railway. At what price progress! The possibility of it becoming a tourist attraction has passed by this town that is now looking for new industries to create a viable economy.

Rothenberg, a small town to the north-east has not, however, missed the opportunity, as the thriving souvenir shops show. A visit to Rothenberg is a most interesting experience. Completely enclosed by its original fortifications, it is almost unique; through centuries of war they have have remained intact. The town boasts six gateways along with many defence towers. As much importance must have been attached to defence in those times when every town quarrelled against the other, as today. Houses, churches and a bakery all add to your day dream from which only the bustle of tourists and clicks of cameras can wake you.

There are also many German equivalents to French 'chateaux' in strategic positions over the area with gardens surrounding the exterior and with the interior filled with paintings and furniture.

The new is breaking through, however. In Schwabisch Hall a new grammar school has just been opened with automation very much in the foreground. The authorities' priorities are obvious; it cost over half a million pounds. Stuttgart, the state capital, which we visited on our final day, is a fine example of a modern city. It has an extensive park of grass, fountains, and flowers, a zoo (this visit was marred by one of the only rain showers of our stay) and a television tower as high as our Post Office Tower.

But ten enjoyable days pass quickly. What had been achieved? One of the professed aims had been to improve our German. Though its use was somewhat limited („Haben Sie ein Cola, bitte?") our familiarity with the language grew.

At the outset we were a group of seventeen people divided by our age groups from First to Sixth Form, with Mr. Browning who master-minded the planning and Mr. Chapallaz who also helped. By the end, however, barriers had been broken down and age was of no importance.

The station clock struck twelve midnight, and, like Cinderellas, we boarded the train to carry us back through Germany and Belgium, back to dismal weathered London and £ s d.

J. Keidan.



I have yet to meet a member of the school rifle club who feels in the slightest way inclined to be modest about our achievements. Under the wing of Brian FitzGerald the club has become one of Britain's best and in this, Brian's last year with the club, we have had successes rarely found in a school team.

The full-bore season began in February when the stronger-willed shots of the club set out to use our new rifles for the first time. Despite dull, overcast and occasionally downright cold weather some good scores were put up and in particular the inimitable Charlie Freeman shot well to achieve 97 ex 100

A pause before the well renowned Easter Bisley Trip. This is as much an entertainment as a practice and it was noticeable that scores from early morning shoots were an inverse function of the lateness of the hour spent in the clubroom the night before. Danny Clark-howes shot an excellent 50 ex 50 and in the 48s were Charlie Freeman, Roy Magowan and Tony Fitzsimmons. At the end of the trip we held a practice under Ashburton conditions and the result was a disappointing 495 ex 560 This being despite a brilliant 35 ex 35 from Paul Meadows and a mediocre 35 from Chris Sharples.

The Malvern Cup is a competition for 3 old boys and three current members of schools affiliated to the N.R.A. Our team came third with Clive Amstein distinguishing himself by scoring the day's highest individual score of 97 ex 100.

The Old Haberdashers' won the Hertfordshire County Astor Tankard (the county championship) for the second year in succession and the school team was fourth. However it seems that school marksmen shoot better when money is at stake and in the 'sweep' the school won all three prizes with Charlie Freeman winning at 200 yards, and Chris Sharples picking up £2 at 500 and 600 yards. Charlie disgraced himself by following up a 34 ex 35 at 200 yards and 6 bulls-eyes at 500 yards with a shot which barely hit the target. Pause for collapse of all other rifle club members, creased up with laughter.

A shoulder to shoulder match was held against the St. Alban's team at Hemel Hempstead. We were narrowly beaten by one point and our score of 507 ex 560 gave us some guide as to our future prospects since we shot without two top team members.

The school won the London and Middlesex Cadet VIII competition. In this, the school's first major victory since shooting was resumed over 10 years ago, we had completely outshot the opposition of 30 other schools. After 200 yards we were well ahead and despite some poor shooting at the longer range we won easily. Notably our winning score was well below our average.

In the Sussex cadets competition our scores fell and our VIII was only 6th out of 40 schools. However our reserve pair Tony Fitzsimmons and Mick Masters did well to win their competition with an all time record score of 130 ex 140. Just as well really because we had left the cup (which we won last year) at school.

In the first major team competition of the Ashburton meeting, that is the Devon plate, we were deprived of the trophy by one point and eventually we were placed second behind Epsom College. This despite a fabulous 70 ex 70 from a very happy Chris Fitzpatrick. In the Ashburton itself we were second at the halfway stages. However as always seems to be the way we spoilt our 500 yards shoot and fell back to 6th (of the 95 competing schools). Charlie Freeman relegated to ninth man hit back by winning the Ninth Man competition.

Shooting in the Imperial meeting many school marksmen met with considerable success and in particular Chris Fitzpatrick accumulated fantastic amounts of money. Chris was invited to shoot for the Irish National team (despite a disputed lack of Irish parentage) and was a reserve for the Middlesex team. Brian Fitzgerald also shot in these teams and his scores helped to win the county championship for Middlesex. In the top competition of the meeting, the Queen's Prize, Brian Fitzgerald, Julian Fuller, Chris Sharples and Old Haberdasher Peter Davis shot well to reach the second round. Brian, Julian and Chris managed to get into the final hundred who shot in the Queen's Final. At one time during the latter Julian Fuller was third overall, in this one of the world's top competitions. Eventually experience at long range (900 and 1,000 yards) told and the two school marksmen finished with Julian 65th and Chris 85th (our of 1,100 entrants).

During this summer Chris Fitzpatrick and last year's captain Julian Fuller toured Canada with



the U.K. cadet team which had for an adjutant a certain Lt. FitzGerald. Both shot in the victorious U.K. team against the Canadians both here and in Canada.

This has been Brian Fitzgerald's last year and I cannot over-emphasise the effect of his assistance on the school's shooting and we will obviously now feel his loss. But the shooting club has a fantastic communal spirit and so next year we will once more be out winning trophies.

Chris Sharples

CAPTAIN: *Chris Sharples (1966-67 capt. J.R.Fuller)*
VICE-CAPTAIN: *Michael John Caldwell*
SEC. SMALLBORE: *Charlie Freeman*

1967 Full Bore VIII

from	*Julian Fuller*	*Chris Fitzpatrick*
	Clive Amstern	*Charlie Freeman*
	Chris Sharples	*Simon Brown*
	Michael-John Caldwell	*Paul Meadows*
	Richard Wall	*Danny Clark-Lowes*



the forces

raf SECTION

Following the idea that the eventual aim of the section is to maximise both experience and enjoyment the programmes over the past year have been aimed at achieving a fine balance between classroom studies and outdoor activities. In particular the assault course and rifle range have been used more than ever before. A new institution was a match against the Royal Navy Section involving competitions such as drill, assault course race, shooting, rugby and tug-of-war. Helped by an illcontrived marking system and a16 stone anchor man in the tug-of-war the Navy managed to beat us by one point.

Exam results this year can only be described as fantastic. The detailed results are brilliantly boring and are best left out of a Skylark report. Once more a number of cadets have gained certificates for Solo flights in R.A.F. gliders. This summer two of our cadets toured abroad. Flight Sergeant Taylor went on a N.A.T.O. trip to Germany and Sgt. Fitzpatrick toured Canada with the United Kingdom Cadet Rifle Team.

At both East and Summer Camp (respectively at R.A.F. Coleme and R.A.F. Cottesmore), the section won the honour of being the best visiting section At Coleme our party flew in a Transport Command V.C.10 over South-West England and Wales on a flight which passed above the Torrey Canyon. At Cottesmore the usual Chipmunk flights were given to all cadets.

Field Day was spent on a gigantic extravaganza of a night exercise in the wilds of deepest Chobham. After an initial rapid hike in to the combat area the three exercise groups launched a series of attacks on an N.C.Os camp which eventually fell. Exit the N.C.Os with pride slightly dented. Part three of the manoeuvre involved thrusts and parries between the three groups, the result being that Flight 2 won with Flight 3 coming a very close second. Flight 1 did not fare quite so well and seemed to get lost somewhere. At least that was their story.

On open day the R.A.F. ran a number of displays including the primary sailplane, our Avon jet engine and the famous patent parachute simulator. We also looked after the Elstree School of Flying Chipmunk which proved to be the most popular (and the only) free exhibit of the day.

W/O Sharples

rn SECTION

The Section goes from strength to strength; a record new entry of 28 for September 1967 has brought the membership up to 60 and has facilitated the formation of a third division – Topdeck (TX).

As far as those already in the Section are concerned, the hazards of sailing an M.F.V. in the Solent and scrambling round H.M.S. Pembroke's assault course at Chatham were successfully overcome last field day. Another peril faced by the senior cadets was the Advanced Naval Proficiency practical exam-sample question, to test initiative: Imagine your fellow examinees are Mongolian peasants, who don't speak a word of English, Using the rope provided, teach them to do a tug-of-war.

Meanwhile, Dave Rule has taken over the mantle of Cox'n from Tony Higham, whom, we assume, is busily engaged in creating havoc at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, along with that rather more staid ex-member of the Section, Robin Farley.

P.O. Philip Leverton

PROMOTIONS

To Cox'n – P.O. Rule

To Petty Officer – L/S Insts. Gair & Leverton, L/S Winney

To Leading Seaman Instructor – L/S Ball

To Leading Seaman – A.B Inst. Lock, A.B.'s Bell, Garner, Howard, Roberts, Russell, Swirsky and Walters.

army SECTION
SUMMER CAMP 1967

This year's camp was held at Ollerton, in Nottinghamshire, but following Army section success on General Inspection and Open Day, it was felt that the small numbers attending, owing to a clash with the Bisley meeting, would make the camp an anti-climax. This feeling proved incorrect, for the camp was to be the most successful for years. Everything seemed to be better than before: we were issued with two 3-tonners and a Land Rover: the huts were far more modern than usual, but more important, the food was good.

As usual, the basis of the camp revolved around a section competition, and following their Wednesday arrival, the main party was divided into three sections, issued rifles, tents and bedding, and spent the first night sleeping out in the training area so that an early start could be made the following morning. Thursday involved two initiative tests, to be completed simultaneously by the Platoon Commander and Sergeant, and acted as a test of engineering learnt over the year.

Friday saw the beginning of the "scheme", a feature of all Summer Camps. The training areas were liberally littered with knocked out tanks and this, plus the fact that one of the four areas was a virtual dustbowl, led to an exercise centred on the Sinai Desert. The platoon, a group of "Israeli" troops, had to capture a nuclear bomb, which was in two parts, from a group of "Arab" infiltrators, played by three wicked CSMs and five evil Sergeants. The morning was occupied by section attacks and, following a packed lunch, a platoon attack on a tank to find the bomb's location from the captured crew. Late afternoon and early evening were spent digging-in and setting up tents in the face of harassing Arab attacks, and at dusk the night exercise was heralded by an attack on the Israeli camp. In the night, recce and snatch patrols went out to locate the Arab camp, capture prisoners and seize the bomb. However, only one of the two bomb parts was secured by the Israelis and the morning of the Saturday was a chase to discover an Arab landing site where the infiltrators were to escape with their part of the bomb. A final platoon attack secured the bomb for the Israelis before the Arabs could escape.

On Sunday the usual Church parade was unexpectedly but thankfully short, and surplus time was spent getting ready for the afternoon's Drill Competition; this was followed by games of inter-section football, tug-o'-war, and "British bulldog". All of Monday was spent on the .303 rifle range where three cadets achieved the Marksman's badge and many more that of first class. The following day, Assault boats at the Army's science training centre, Welback College, was followed by a brief spell on the Assault Course, which was so simple as to become boring, the Sergeants setting up the fastest time. Wednesday, the final full day, saw a new idea from Lieutenants Squire and Rolfe, when sections were divided to form six groups, and ran around the training area doing short initiative tests being timed from start to finish of the course.

The camp ended with a presentation of whiskey to the officers as a means of indicating appreciation of their thorough running of all aspects of the camp, and the main body left Ollerton the next day.

And now what of the future? Many third formers have shown interest in the Army Section following a very thorough publicity campaign by L/Cpl. Naylor and his colleagues. Last year's recruits have proved themselves so capable that they have now passed their second and final Army Proficiency exam eight months before the usual time, and may find themselves senior NCOs earlier than they had expected. And finally, the promise of a new set of denims rounds off what has been a completely successful year for the Section.

C.S.M. Michael Hurley

VOLUNTEER POLICE CADETS

Last year the Volunteer Police Cadet scheme was authorised by the Home Office for the Metropolitan Police District. The scheme was started at four schools, Aldenham, Haberdashers, Harrow and St. Benedicts, the main purpose of the scheme being to improve the relations between the Police and the Public, and this I believe it has done.

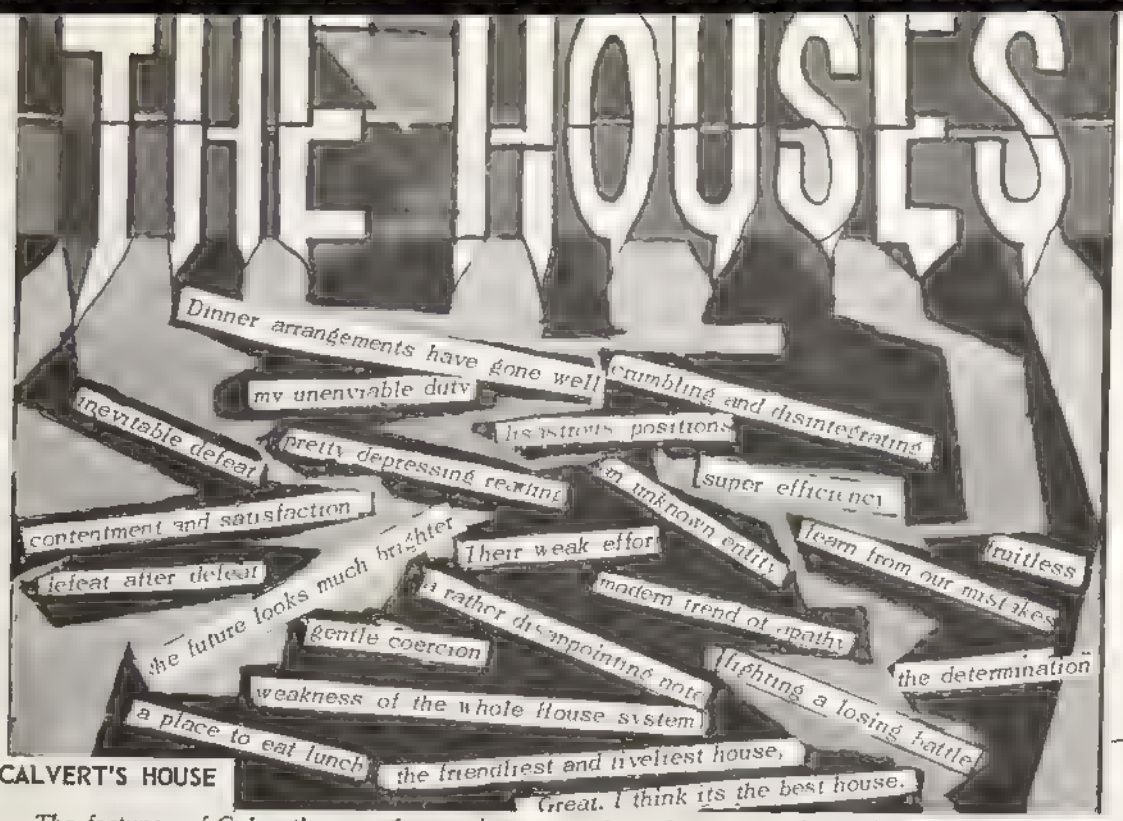
In last year's training course the group was instructed in a wide range of Police work. In the Autumn Term on Field Day we went down to Ashford Cadet Training School to see the type of physical and mental education the Metropolitan Cadets are given. In the Spring we went to the Middlesex Sessions in London and saw several court cases in progress; at the same time we went down to Wapping to see the work of the River Police, and to visit the launches. Finally on Field Day in the Summer, we visited both the Horse Training Establishment, and the Dog Training Centre at Lippits Hill.

Visits to these establishments are again planned for this year's course, along with many others included last year. Activity was by no means confined to Field Days, for Friday afternoons involved the cadets in lectures, attachments to one of the two local stations, Boreham Wood and Elstree, or visits to a specialised branch of the Force such as C10 at Chalk Farm, which deals with stolen cars. Cadets also gave limited aid to the Police with regard to minor offences, and were encouraged to continue contact with the Police out of school by spending days on attachment to one of the two local stations.

The experience gained last year has been invaluable in providing a more interesting course for the Cadets this year, and a course which involves more practical work with the police. Many features of the schedule have been retained, and I am sure the scheme will continue with the same degree of success as last year.

Trevor Want





CALVERT'S HOUSE

The fortunes of Calvert's over the previous years have been very mixed. Although our success in academic subjects has remained at a high level, we have consistently been pulled down in conduct by a number of persistent offender. To this minority I offer a word of advice. In future, give a little thought to your actions and the effect they may have on the House If this advice is followed Calverts will certainly be able to improve their standing in the conduct shields. To those who never cross swords with authority I can only ask them to keep up the good work.

During my career in Calverts, success in sport has been the exception rather than the rule. This was again the case this year. Our showing in Athletics, Rugby and Swimming can hardly be called inspired' However, I would still like to thank the team captains for their efforts. Success in sport seems to depend on two things; practice and support on the field. Calverts did not have enough of either last year and I know this will be remedied in the future. Congratulations must go to the victorious Shooting and Tennis teams. The tennis team, under the leadership of David Wassermantriumphed over Henderson's in the final to earn the first of our two trophies. Caldwell's shooting team must also be greatly congratulated for winning the second.

The criticism most often levelled against the House system is that it is an arbitrary division of the School to provide sporting teams. I am fervently against this view, and believe that the House system, despite some faults, has a great many advantages in a school of this nature It enables an unmanageable mass of 1000 boys to be split up so that close contact between boys and staff is possible. It gives boys a chance to represent their House at sport when they have no chance of being picked for a school team, and it gives boys a taste of the responsibility they will have to assume in later life.

Finally I would like to extend my thanks to all House officials, past and present, for their untiring efforts and more especially to Mr Hickman and his colleagues without whom the proper function of Calverts would be impossible.

Neil Barton

HENDERSON'S HOUSE REPORT

The general tone of most recent house-reports, has been one of scepticism regarding the presence of any house-spirit within the school. Certainly the recent trend has been towards un-involvement in the house, but this is generally true of all spheres of school-life at present. Nevertheless, if the events of the Spring and Summer term are any guide, there still exists within Henderson's a certain degree of house-spirit, which has enabled the house to triumph over the all-too-common apathy of schoolboys.

The end of 1966, saw us in 5th place for both Dunton and Crossman, and without any trophy of and kind in our possession. The end of the school-year in 1967, saw us win both the Dunton and Crossman, and came second in the senior Work and Conduct. We achieved this, without winning any of the major cups for sport, except the two junior cricket trophies. This record shows the strength of the House – overall soundness, rather than any particular brilliance. The attitude and spirit of the teams when competing, was an example to all; their efforts have been amply rewarded in the results

The house-system is not perfect, and its failings are due to the lack of responsibility, that individuals show towards the house. Every individual has a moral-obligation towards the house (and for that matter his school), and he must face up to it. The criticisms that are put forward of the house-system, come generally from people who make no effort to support the house. Until these people provide a reasonable alternative, they should abstain from criticism of the house-system which, despite its faults, has an important part to play in school-life.

Much of the success listed above has been due to the efforts of Mr.Sanderson, who has always been ready to give assistance both to individuals, and to the house as a whole. He has co-ordinated the work of the House, without letting it dominate the lives of individual members of the House.

C.R.Done
(House Captain)

JOBLINGS HOUSE REPORT

It is incredibly difficult to say anything original about Joblings. Every year, the House report reveals the same underlying theme. "... a fairly unsuccessful year for Joblings" (1962); "... our position in the Work and Conduct Shields was no better" (1963); "... Joblings has failed to establish itself as a leading house" (1964); "... Joblings has come to be shrouded by an atmosphere of gloom" (1967). Indeed, this year, no outstanding victory in any of the major tournaments has pulled Joblings from the mire of mediocrity. We were 5th in the cricket competition, 4th in Athletics and 6th in Senior Work and Conduct.

Nevertheless, there has been some improvement. A study of the "Progress Chart" outside the houseroom indicates a definite upward trend for Joblings in many fields, and perhaps the most heartening factor in the past year has been the success of the Juniors, who for over three terms have retained the Junior Work and Conduct Shield. This bears very well for the future, for as the Juniors move up the school to replace the present rather apathetic Seniors we will stand an excellent change of securing both the Dunton and the Crossman Shields.

It is above all to the future of the house we must look. Past defeats must be forgotten; ideas that Joblings is an ill-fated House and that no amount of effort can make it more successful, must be dismissed. If on paper our Rugby team appears pitifully lacking in talent, we can still get

encouraged to support and contribute to the House.

I I have therefore no hesitation in predicting a steady improvement in the fortunes of Joblings: under the leadership of Mr. Browning and the inspiration of such outstanding Juniors as Lilienthal and Keidan, the House must stand every chance of success in its future activities.

M.J.Dinham
Capt.

MEADOWS HOUSE REPORT

It is the unenvied task of each successive House captain to have to write a Skylark report for his relevant period of office. Having failed to pass this duty on to either my predecessor (who occupied the captaincy during most of the time that this report covers) or to my successor (who will be the captain by the time this issue of Skylark is actually published), I find that I must myself, rather unwittingly, put pen to paper; unwillingly because I know that I will inevitably fall into the traditional way of boring the reader with unsatisfying and uninteresting statistics and hollow fraudulent appeals to the so-called "house-spirit". House reports in Skylark are by their nature uninspiring and by tradition false since few, even of the authors themselves, have any real sense of house loyalty In the last edition of this magazine one of the house captains actually invited his readers to pass over his report "If you're not in the mood for being depressed". In this report I shall therefore talk about the house system in general rather than bore the reader with too many references to Meadows itself.

What part do houses play in the school today? As I see it they have two residual functions — as a basis for sport, and as a place for lunches. But the lunch function could just as easily be carried out on a form basis. It is only sport that remains as the last stronghold of the house system. For shields, like the Work and Conduct, act neither as a deterrent to misbehaviour and laziness nor as an incentive to academic exertion, the sense of "house spirit" in this field extends no further than a cheer at final assembly each term when the house positions are disclosed. It is only on the sportsfield that the term "House" comes to mean anything at all.

Luckily enough Meadows is well endowed with sportsmen so the House holds together slightly better than others in the school. Thus last year (1966–'67) we won both the major sports, the senior rugger (tied) and cricket, and also the Dodd Cup (swimming) and the senior athletics standards. So we literally swept the board. The cricket victory was due mainly to the performances of Andy Scott and Robin Barlow, though mention should also be made of Dave Goy's efforts, particularly his brilliant somersault when he lost the heel of his boot in coming in to bowl — it proved the highlight of an unusually dull, one-sided final. Our success in the athletics was due to the inspiring example of Johns — who through his exertions both athletic and academic, managed to win the Rinsler "brylcreem" house trophy for work and sport.

somewhere in the competition if enough enthusiasm can be aroused. We stand a good chance of winning the cross country with both Evans and Molloy prominent members of the School team. Even a House party can be successfully arranged and organised if boys will emerge from their usual apathy and cynicism and contribute something to the combined House effort.

I will reiterate what Dennis wrote in his report last year — Mr. Browning's vigour and determination in the running of the House are not in vain. Over the past three years his enthusiasm and dedication have been felt by every member of Joblings and gradually even the Seniors have been

Nevertheless it is not only sportsmen for which this house is noted, for Meadows boys have excelled elsehwere. We started the 1966–'67 year having the school's captain and vice-captain. We start this year with an unbelievable monopoly of the Prefect's Room, with five of its twelve members from this house. Meadows boys have also been running the Debating Society (virtually by themselves) for the past two years, and look like doing so in the future.

But enough praise of Meadows boys. I have found it too easy to fall into the trap of applauding our sportsmen, and academics instead of lambasting the house system as originally intended. The present house set-up survives only because it has inertia — it never looks as if it will ever properly succeed in the way that it used to work so well (so I have been told) in the old "Prep." school, yet it would take too much to dismantle it. As at present the system is therefore inadequate but I cannot really imagine it changing in the next few years.

Once again, however, back to the particular and to Meadows Our prospects for the future are very bright indeed; we should win the rugger (with five 1st XV players) and the cricket (with Scott, Barlow and others) again if we are lucky, and academically Meadows has always been a good house. With a little more effort all round we could do very well indeed and 1968 could be our year. As many house captains before me have themselves said, "remember, ask not what the House can do for you, but what you can do for the House".

Lastly, many thanks to all who have lent their hands so often and so earnestly in keeping the house, as such, running — a magnificent feat of artificial respiration! Thanks above all to TEC, to all the house officials, and to all those who have quietly got on with the job.

A.J.H.Dean

RUSSELLS HOUSE REPORT

In the seven years which have elapsed since I joined the school and Russells, the strengths and weaknesses of the House have very much changed, for where we used to consistently lead the School in Work and Conduct, and trail in sport it is now sport that is very clearly our forte.

This year Russells has dominated the senior house rugby competitions, winning the sevens and finishing equal first in the fifteens. The senior athletics and fives competitions were also won by Russells. Although we were finally placed only 3rd in the Crossman shield, our unexpectedly weak performance in the cricket undoubtedly let us down here, and considering our weak sporting past the improvement is very encouraging.

I write 'encouraging' because I believe that team spirit and house spirit are useful not only to pander to the whims of an arbitrary system for arranging internal competition in the school, but also for all of us in life as well: it is the moral obligation of each of us to do his best, and Russells' improvement in sport represents the determination of large numbers of House-members, whose achievement despite only average talent is consequently of vital importance.

'Work' means an ability to get 'G's' on one's report and may thus not be a very accurate term: however Russells has proved its strength in this field. We have been let down by 'conduct' — unfortunately a very definitive word. I know that it's easy for junior boys to get punishments from masters, but it remains valid that most negative impetus given to the house effort is due to a select minority of persistent offenders. To the remainder it is my pleasant duty to offer unreserved congratulation.

Finally I must thank Mr. Smith, who really does coordinate the strengths of the house and who has worked indefatiguably to promote the new and successful house group system, and for his never-failing personal interest in all members of Russells.

Richard Browne

STROUTS HOUSE REPORT

The outstanding achievement of the 1966-7 year for Strouts was the winning of the Work and Conduct Shield — a very creditable result indeed. Although in the case of Work most boys justifiably put their own reasons for making an effort before House loyalty, the consistently high standard, and the standard of conduct, are both tributes to the tradition, set up by Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Dodds (and maintained in his absence by Mr. Wood) in the six years during which I have been a member of the house; Strouts being the house which is run efficiently and without tears. We have no House Sub Prefects, House Groups, House Ties or House points shield and minimum burocracy and yet are as coherent and successful a unit as any other house.

As for sport, the house relies on voluntary co-operation rather than mandatory action in forming teams and this necessarily results in some disappointments. However, it also means that in the sports where we have a team of potential value, the co-operative aspect makes competing much more enjoyable and possibly more successful. Both in the cricket and athletics competitions a good team was raised and second place reached. Moreover our athletics team remains very nearly intact this year and if last year's spirit continues we have a good chance of victory this summer.

J. Edwards





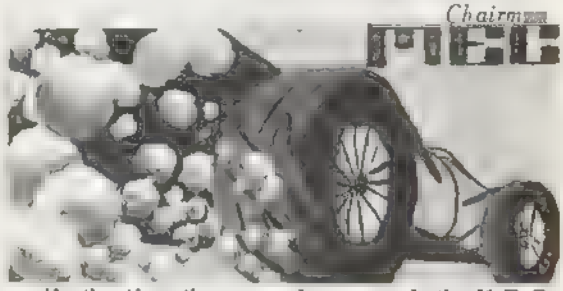


After last term's comparative inactivity due to annual summer sleepiness (manifested strangely by a lack of debators as opposed to a small audience) the Junior Debating Society has once again emerged. Indeed we can be justly proud of simply this – since we now seem to be the only society having the prefix 'Junior' that has not finally fizzled out.

With the raising of the last, slightly dog-eared administration to the 4th Form, the tables have been turned. We now have a strong organization, in the form of a broadly based committee, but lack a captive audience. At least our widespread publicity has made people know of our existence. Good debate titles are as difficult as usual to come by. Mr. Lurie, our master-in-charge, (a clumsy but applicable title) must be thanked for his enthusiasm.

Following a firm declaration of 'U.D.I. for Haberdashers' at our first debate and with the prospect of abolishing compulsory religion in schools we can look forward to success.

J.Keidan
Chairman

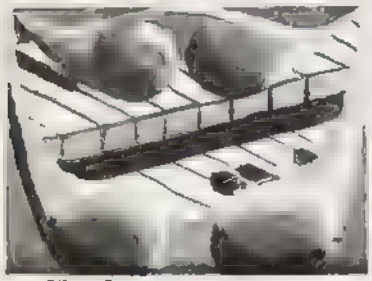


By the time these words are read, the M.E.C. will be under new management for the second time in as many years. It is expected that the "Notice-Board News Service", and the Monday Films will be continued, though the latter will be reduced in quantity, but not in quality,

through the absence of an infinite supply.

It is also hoped that the activities of the club will be extended with the assistance of the increasing number of "Motoring Members", and that all members will be pleased with the club in 1968.

G. Winney
P. Leverton



The Society, now in its second year, does not exactly thrive, but crawls along on a consistently low-level of existence. The problem is that our society is a specialised one and thus can only interest a small section of the school: the 6th form linguists.

In the summer term an experiment was tried with events of more general interest being introduced. The showing of 'Becket', though successful in audience numbers was, to the horror of the Bursar, who had to pay the deficit, a financial loss. Other meetings of the term were 'Confessions of Felix Knoll' and a very successful Spanish play-reading of 'Historia de Una Escalera" done in conjunction with N.L.C.S. I must congratulate all the readers on the dramatic force they put into their efforts.

We hope to hold three meetings in the Christmas Term: a lecture on Conaeille by a speaker from the Institut Francais; a collection of German films and a French play-reading with the Polyglot Society at N.L.C.S. We hope that these will attract the ever-growing mass of intellectuals we hear so much about in the Headmaster's reports. Although we are only echoing the lament of all the other society secretaries, we still maintain that there is great potential in the sixth-forms, if only they would overcome their apathy and show some interest in extra-mural activities.

Finally, if a cliche is permitted, we would like to thank Mr. Bunker for taking over the arduous task of watching over the society's shaky course. He has been of as great assistance as Mr. Page was before him.

Andrew Blessley
Chris Sparrow
Secretaries



At the beginning of the Summer Term I became head printer in succession to 'Jet' Robbins who had held the position previously, and I should like to thank him on behalf of all the members of the group for the hard work that he put into keeping the group functioning efficiently while he was head printer.

One addition to the printing room since our last report has been a new small press which is needed to deal with the ever increasing number of minor orders that we receive from school societies for membership cards and tickets. As well as these routine orders, which by themselves are enough to keep us occupied, we have completed several large and important orders for the school fête. However, in spite of the amount of work, we have tried to spend more time on design and planning than we used to, but this is not always possible unless orders are placed well in advance of when they are required, since it is sometimes necessary to order special materials.

I should like to thank the other members of the group for their enthusiasm and support without which it would not have been possible to complete nearly as much work as we did. In particular I should like to thank Mr. Broderick who is in charge of the group and is always ready with helpful ideas and suggestions.

Philip Jeynes
Head Printer



During the last term of the 1966 School year, it was decided that a revival of the Stamp Club was necessary. Therefore, at the earliest opportunity a meeting was held, and the following appointments were made: *Chairman:* P Naylor, *Secretary:* A.S.Bard, and *Treasurer:* Robinson. A First-Day Cover Service is being run by Ross, and a full-scale advertising campaign is being put into action by G.Davis, D. Bleiman and D.Kent. Mr. Wrench has kindly accepted the responsibilities of becoming Master-in-charge.

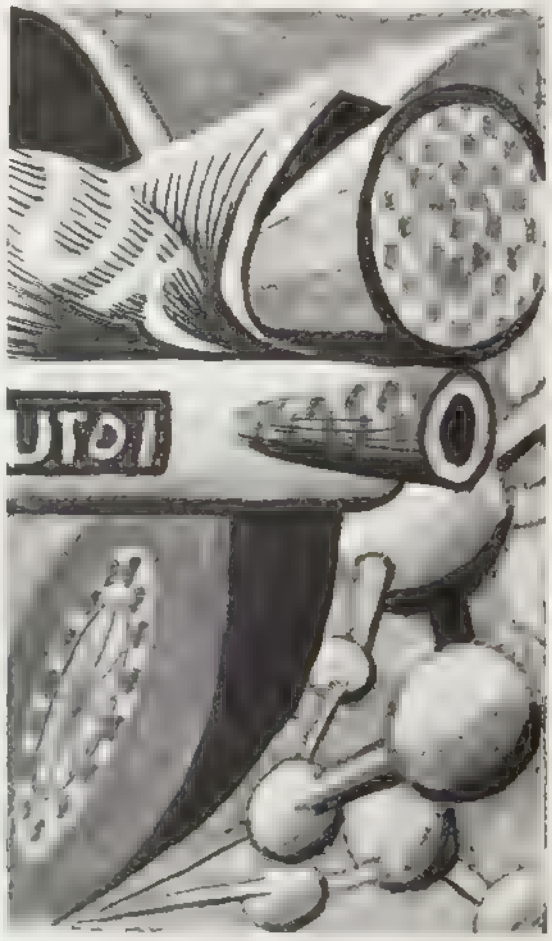


The society, after a long period of stagnation has now begun to revive. With the majority of the members in the middle and senior school a more mature interest has developed in electronics. Hence many individual projects are now underway and a growing use of our room in Aldenham House is evident. In cooperation with the Science Society, films of an electronic nature are being shown and the journals available to members are constantly consulted. This recent burst of activity and enthusiasm is only due, I am sure, to the constant encouragement and advice from Mr. Wood whose work is not fully appreciated. I thank him and hope that in future the society will become even more successful.

M.H.Ross
Secretary

It is hoped that the old image of the Stamp Club, that of a bring-and-buy stall, will be completely abolished, though some meetings will be put aside for the exchange and selling of member's stamps. Auctions and filmstrips, are items which we hope will come into being soon. Visits are planned to the British Philatelic Exhibition in November and the National Postal Museum. Hints on writing-up and looking after collections will also become the main topics of some of the meetings. The advent of competitions and exhibitions, and the unanimous want for a permanent society, will, we all hope, put the Stamp Club firmly back on its feet.

A.S.Bard.
Secretary



christian union report

From where I was sitting the notice board in the hall seemed to proclaim, "I believe in Mr. Cheyney, P.1., 1.15." Despite the strange optical illusion Mr. Cheyney ably introduced the theme for the term "Objections to Christian Belief" and added a discourse on "I believe in God." Next from his starting blocks was Mr. Lurie encouraged by his usual train of lower school adherents. "He spoke on "Man is just an Ape" and, although I only heard the end, I am told he was his usual thorough and convincing self. (I am also told this meeting set an all- time high attendance record.)

The next and the last, to date, was myself. I had been set the task of discussing the topic "Christianity is just a Psychological Prop." Encouraged to the foothills of eloquence by my entourage of books, I managed to keep seemingly calm for much of the time. I am very grateful to have been accosted by only one budding Friend.

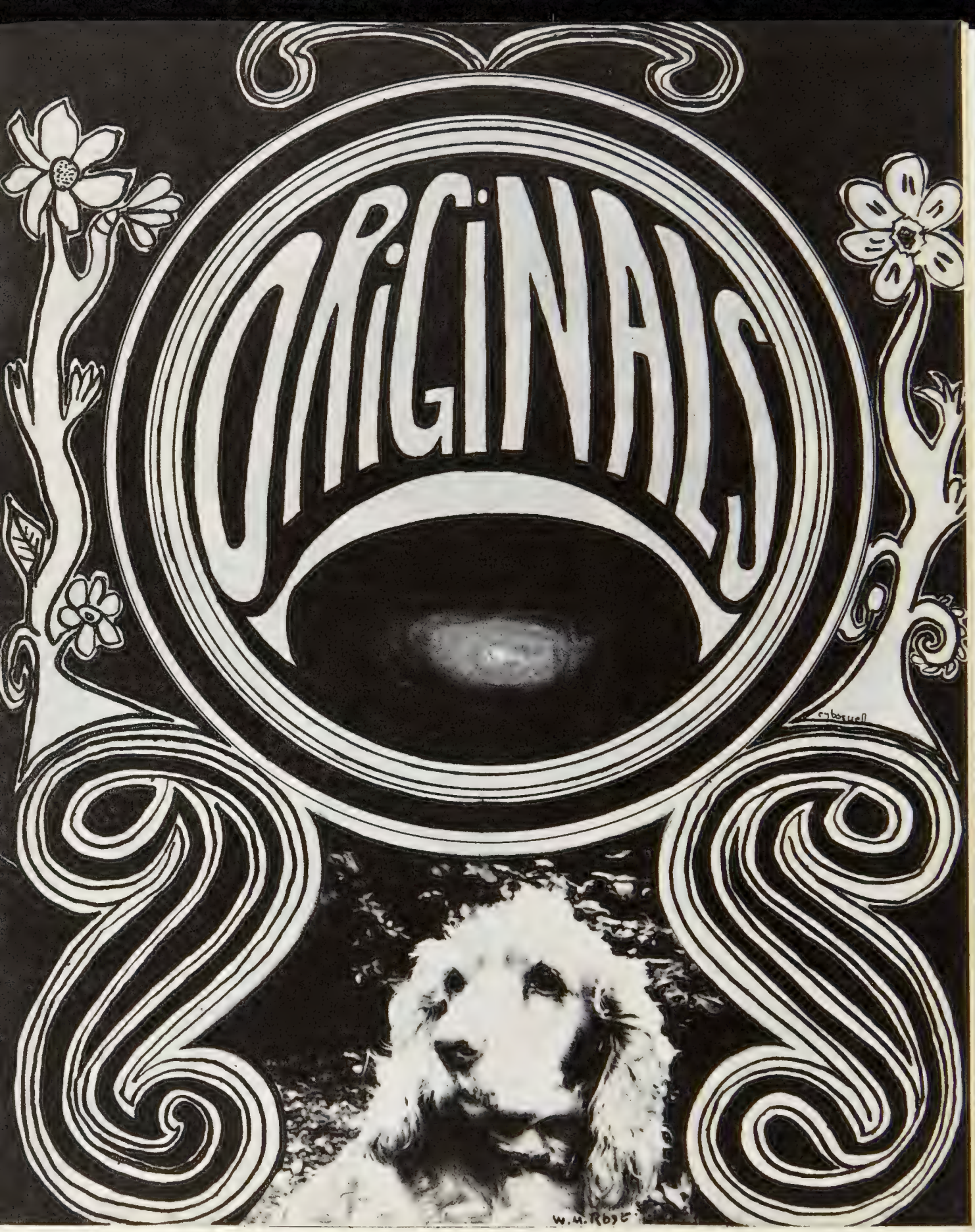
What can be said, in general, about this – the first coherent series running a whole term? Firstly, for the Christian Union, it is a miracle of patience and organization by all, especially Steve Evans and Mr. Cheyney. (n.b. Mr. Bauser – Debunking the Miracles.) Secondly, it is not a compromise to agnostic friends of the society. In essence, it is a change for Christians to answer some criticisms of themselves.

The society does not stand or fall on the converts it achieves. It does not stand or fall on the attendance figures or publicity. What it does stand or fall on is whether it is a living Christian community. If it is so it will be showing by its actions what this strange and often-criticised sect is about. "By their deeds ye shall judge them", – I wish people would see us in this light and be interested enough to judge with care.

David Kitchen



ORIGINALS





Idle thoughts of an exceedingly idle Poet

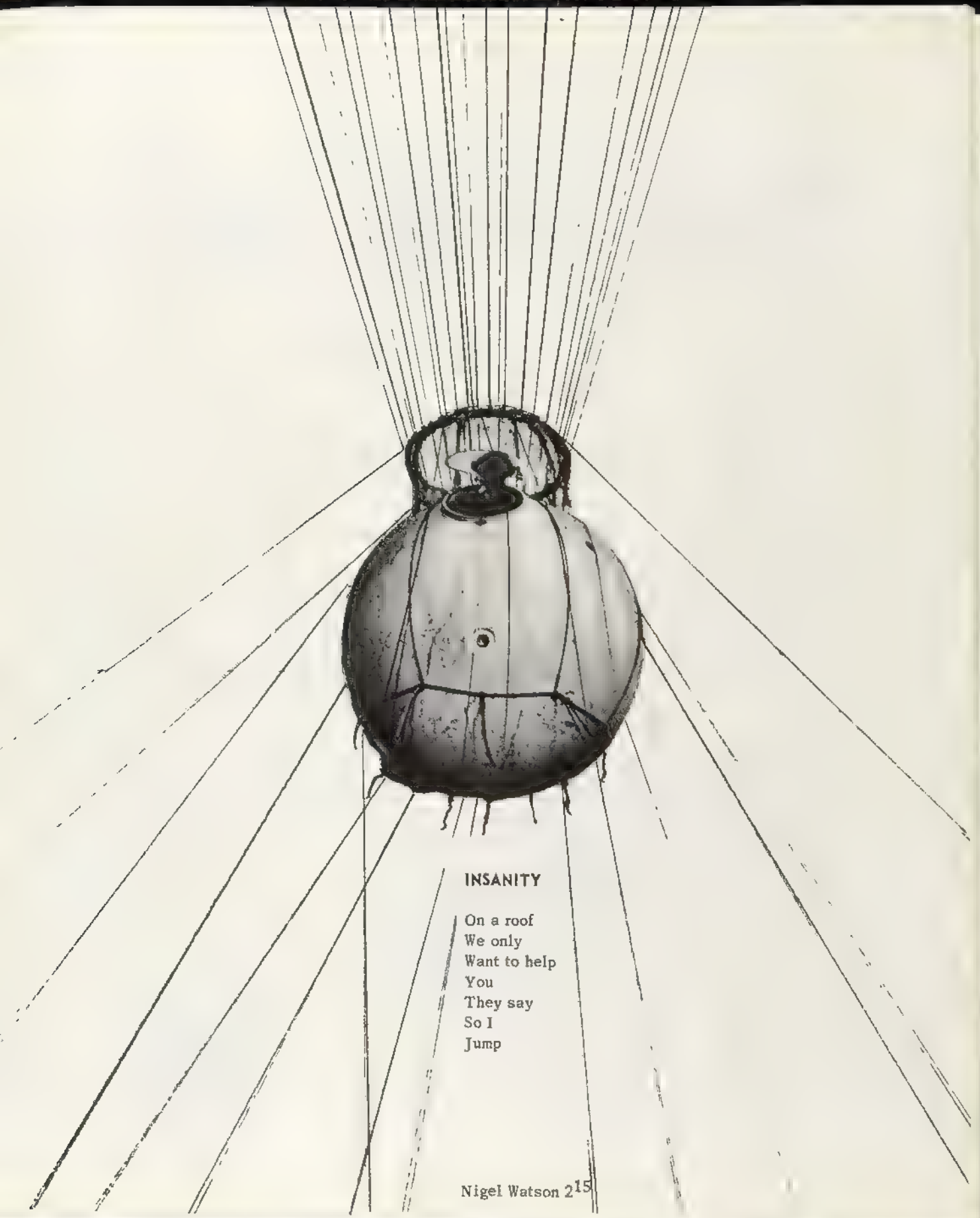
Perhaps, perhaps, Time may cease to move,
May cease to worry about keeping time,
And then I shall stand here alone
Forever, on this warm, stone bridge
Above the lilies, green and white,
And the trees will forget
To move their leaves,
And the breeze to blow,
And I shall look out
Across the lake,
And the water
Will be still,
Forever,
And ever.

S.G. Roberts

A Moment's Agony

The moment poised between compassionate sleep
And a forgetfulness in work
Hangs
Heavy on my heavy eyes.
I think my melancholy must
Never end.
Turning, writhing, fuming,
I hit the pillow in my fury
It makes a quiet thud
That sickens me.
But others, too, are quietly crying,
Others, too, stare into space,
So blank and gormless
"No,"
I cry,
"I am the only one."

D. Kitchen 6 BM1



INSANITY

On a roof
We only
Want to help
You
They say
So I
Jump

thou shalt not....

It was thundering: the sky was black, the rain poured, the water streamed down the hillsides, and in the centre of a now muddy plateau, a number of people were gathered, all but one wearing raincoats. There was the bishop, the schoolmistress, the sergeant-major and his command, and a man.

"I am the Lord thy god," introduced the bishop.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me," roared the Sergeant-Major. "What shalt thou not have? Come on, come on, what shalt thou not have? Eh, Eh, I can't hear you!"

"No other gods before me" answered the man.

"Louder," smiled the Sergeant-Major. "The men can't hear you. Can you men?"

"No, sergeant," growled the company. "We can't hear him".

"The men can't hear you. The men can't hear you. I said the men ... can't ... hear you! Do something about it!

"No other gods before me! wailed the man.

"No, no, Anthony. All of it," invited the schoolmistress. "Half of it is no good at all. We must have all of it. You will never get anywhere unless you learn all of everything."

"I am the Lord thy god, thou shalt ... thou shalt ..."

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me!" bellowed the Sergeant-Major. "No other gods' It's quite simple. What shalt thou not have? Eh? But before you answer, remember. I am a better man than you are. I am bigger. I am stronger. I am more clever, more handsome, — I am a better man than you are! So you had better get it right!"

"No other gods before me, no other gods before me!" The man cowered beneath the dominant might of the Sergeant-Major.

"Right," whispered the Sergeant-Major.

"Right," echoed the bishop.

"Correct," said the schoolmistress.

"Right," murmured the company.

"Right," steamed the black sky.

"Correct" whined the rain

"Thou shalt keep my commandments", recited the bishop.

"I know, I know," shouted the man, pointing at the schoolmistress. "She taught me. She taught me at Sunday school. Ask her, she'll tell you."

The schoolmistress drew herself up. "Anthony! That's a wicked lie. You know I never took a Sunday School!"

"You did, you did," implored the man. "You did, you did, my God, you know you did!"

The bishop started, and as he straightened up the thunder increased, the rain whipped down.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," he cried.

"And remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy". The Sergeant-Major renewed the attack. "So how could she have taken you for schooling on a Sunday if there is no work done on a Sunday? Answer me, man, answer! By George, I" make you answer if it's the last thing I do!"

"She did, she did, I know she did," screamed the man. "Believe me, she did. She's lying, I know she's lying!"

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour!" The bishop stared, his mouth tight, his nose twitching with fury.

"It's raining," sobbed the man, "and I'm wet. You've all got coats, everybody's got coats but me, and I'm wet. Can I have a raincoat? Please, please can I have a raincoat?"

The bishop screamed, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is the neighbour's!"

"Do you understand?" roared the Sergenat-Major. "Nor anything that is thy neighbour's. Not anything. You horrible man. You shouldn't have been born, should you? Should you!"

"No, no, I shouldn't have been born! I wish I hadn't been born! Oh why was I ever born?"

"Honour thy father and thy mother", beseeched the bishop, holding out his hands. Then, kindly, as if trying to explain something, "Thou shalt not steal".

"Thou shalt not steal" mumbled the man.

"Company, lead!"

"Thou shalt not commit adultery".

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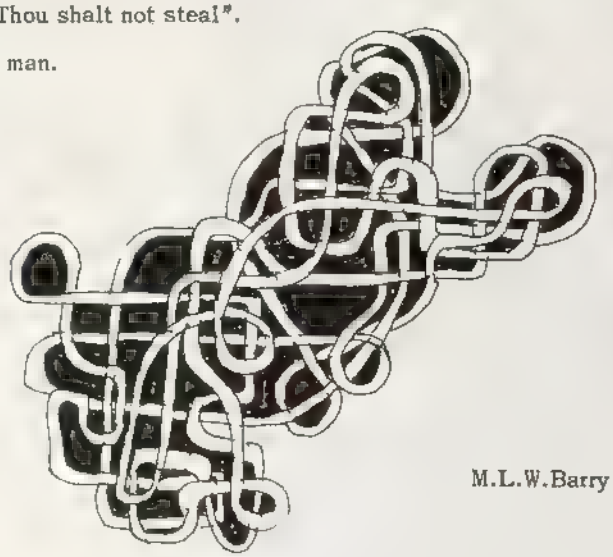
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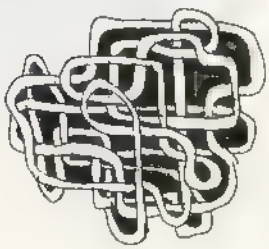
"Thou shalt not kill."

"Thou shalt not kill."

"Fire!"

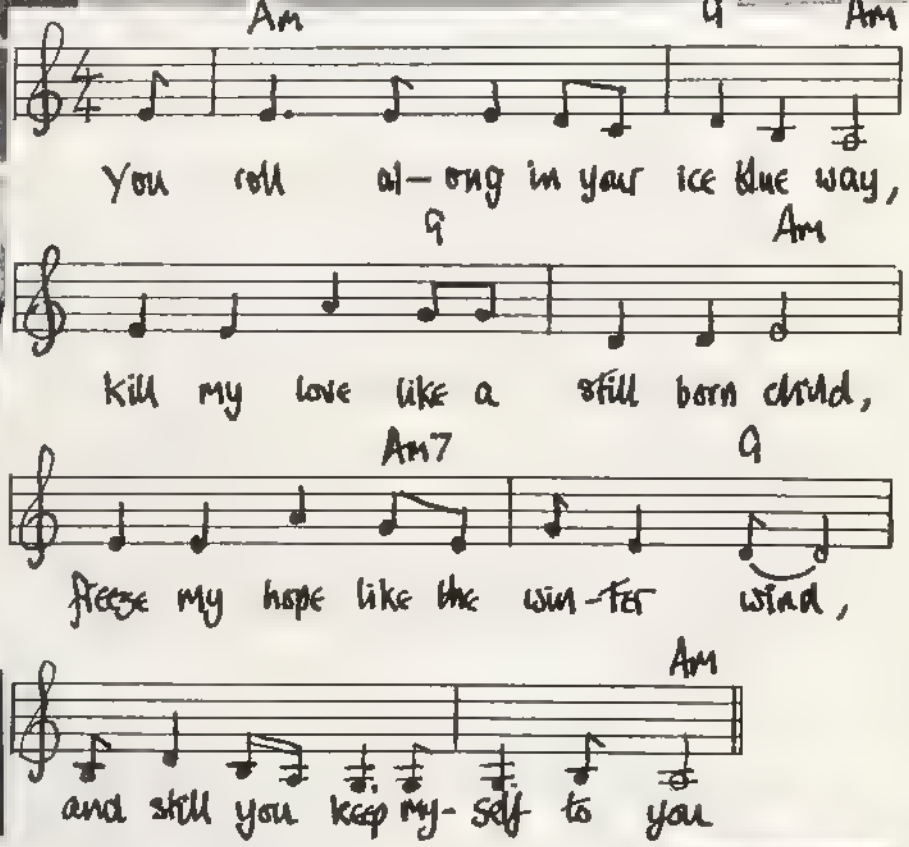


M.L.W.Barry 5.29



song to bella



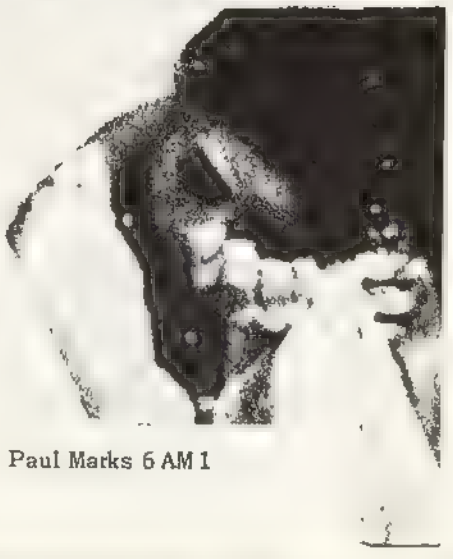




I love another as well as you,
But she has arms enough for me;
We never care, but lie and love,
And there I find a true freedom.

I cannot hold you both to me
The one must stay, the other go,
But who may choose? I fear not I
For I would keep you both my dears.

And to the other I now must fly,
To guard her from the pain of truth,
For she may never comprehend,
The way a man may love two.



Paul Marks 6 AM 1

A PRAYER

Break my five loaves, Lord, sanctify my wine,
Take my hollow heart and receive my bread,
That soured veins may spill with sweetness divine.

Smash my hate and cripple that pride of mine;
Teach me more why your precious blood was shed,
Break my five loaves, Lord, sanctify my wine.

Dispel my sadness, let your Presence shine,
Walk in my ways, Lord, live my life instead,
That soured veins may spill with sweetness divine.

Slay my Isaac, and teach me to resign
All I covet, making gleaming lust as dead;
Break my five loaves, Lord, sanctify my wine.

Cast my devil to the Gadarene swine
Who fled to death; but help me not to dread,
That soured veins may spill with sweetness divine.

Split my alabaster box, – ointment fine
To anoint your head, your wounded, crowned head;
Break my five loaves, Lord, sanctify my wine
That soured veins may spill with sweetness divine.

s.evans 6Am1

BLACK WINTER

I fear I shall fall apart if it doesn't snow soon,
For the straining of every particle to be white
Is frozen to the round rootlets of my cacoon
So that they divide and crumble to the bowl of my stomach

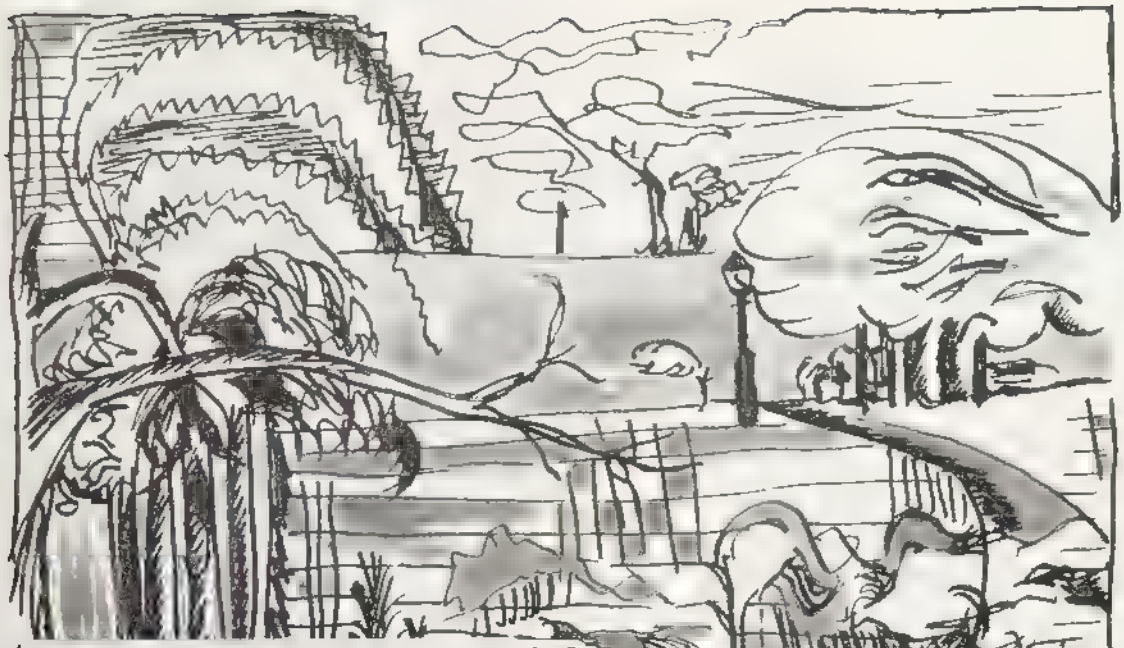
d.baker

POEM

Walking slowly in long measured steps
He spewed a few words up
And spread them before him, like laying a table on a giant
hanky stretched on green grass.
He inspected them and selected one
"Emphatic" – yes that was it
He clapped his hands with joy
Now he was Malcolm Muggeridge and stretched his vowels
like an elastic band on a rack
Leaving teethmarks in the word.
He stretched his lips till they were thin rinds of bacon
"Recisive" – the next word slipped out and sailed off in
the strips of smoky sun.

N.A. Weisz (4/23)





Stanzas from "Hannibal's army crosses the Alps"

And now, the great, grey elephants,
Against which no army can stand,
Sway past in line,
Their foreheads encased in spiked armour-plate,
And the orange and gold liveries
On the broad mountains of their backs
Rustling and shivering as they move,
Carrying arrows, armour, spears.

One beast suddenly stops,
Falls on its knees,
And rolls onto its side with a jingle of harness.
A soldier, walking nearby
For protection against the wind,
Disappears soundlessly beneath the avalanche of flesh.
Its rider is thrown into the snow,
Where he sits, bemoaning the loss of his beast.

It is not an uncommon occurrence now,
For the elephants are as tired as the men.
When the first elephant died
Scores of soldiers clustered round to look,
Now we are too exhausted to care.
The men file past the huge grey beast,
And the rider, accepting Fate,
Picks up a spear, and walks on.

S.G. Roberts 6 AM 2

The Swinging City

Oscillating pavements absorbing the shock of
Restless feet which tread every inch of
The grey, parching dust.
Black tyres
On the white lines, helplessly revolving
Round busy men, hurried men, hooting
Their sterile courses.
Buildings of gloom
Looming grotesque on the murky horizon,
And telling a tale of a hundred years old,
Of glorious prosperity.
Hot-dog men munching,
Sandwich men hobbling on their Bernard Shaw beards;
Flower-sellers with yesterday's blooms, prophets with tomorrow's;
Men living death.

But where is the life?
Not in skyscraper offices and hotels wavering
Over undulating humans, nor in the chain store –
That social necessity.
Where hangs the feeling,
The life and the love and the lure of friendship?
Not in the hands of whores strewn in doorways,
Not in the city.
Habit, not happiness, keeps
The huge city swinging; no wonder the pavement
Feels hurt in supporting the poisoned leather
Of the grey, murky people, covered in dust

P. Godfrey, 6 AM 2



IN DEFENSE OF APATHIE

For the purposes of this discourse the chain of being can be taken as starting from the animal world and culminating in God. Let us first take the case of the animal kingdom. A barking dog or mewing cat has no power to reason, they live their lives by instinct; this then, is the basest form of being – the sheer physical importance of 'doing things' over rides the reasons why they should be done. In fact reason does not enter into their lives in any way whatsoever.

Man, being the next link in the great pattern is on a higher level than the dog. Beginning amongst the basest of the human race we find perhaps the agricultural labourer. You may ask – does he not labour from dawn till dusk without reason, like an animal? Why, yes, he labours with the strength of an animal but does he not also complain, in gruff tone, of his misfortune? It is in this that he differs from his oxen, for he has reason enough to ask himself why he should toil while his master, in comfort, does not strive.

For the sake of my reader's patience – and in order not to waste his time in reading my scribblings, I propose to jump from the lowest of Man to his most hallowed and respected object. A King, in all his glory, ponders on problems, employs his power of reasoning for many more hours of the day than his above mentioned illiterate subject, yet he being the highest of mankind, instead of working the most, delegates the majority of his responsibilities. Thus we see that Man, like an animal, is committed to 'doing things' yet, unlike his base counterpart, he reduces his tasks and labours by thinking about and rationalising his purpose.

We have now only one more step to take, through the splendid hierarchies of angels, until we reach God. God has given us free will and reason with which to conduct our own affairs. He neither guides us nor protects us. In this way he is able to look upon his creations in order to see them as they truly are, with no relations or obligations to colour his judgement. Thus we make out a trend in living objects that starts from unthinking animal activity and culminates in a supreme abandon of commitment allowing clear sight and perception. Surely, God is apathie incarnate.

Having traced this argument through, it follows by the logical pattern of things that this system on its macrocosmic scale may be reduced to a parallel in the nature of mankind. Do we not, all of us, know of someone who is in constant activity, busying himself here and there like our dog or cat, never stopping to think what he is achieving or where he is going? By the same logic there are a multitude of mortals who occasionally stand back from their toil to see that it is to no avail, yet still return to the grindstone through force of habit and an unwillingness to exercise reason.

Lastly, are there not those few sublime individuals who, aspiring to Godliness, attain the highest state of rationalised existence in that glorious disdain of animal baseness called Apathie? The noble application of Apathie, the mainstay of 'democracie' in this age, is the mature balance to the passing whims and fancies of the impetuous and superficial minded.

Apologies to Hooker

C.J.Boswell 6AM1



Underneath the Arches

Behind transparent walls
Shadows of lace people recline
And watch their fading husbands
Light up, unaware of passers by.

From the top seats of buses
You can fall a mile
And plummet, stonelike and screaming
Into the arms of countless public faces.

They will still be there tomorrow,
Leaning on their pensions
And watching their fading wives
Burning love letters.

Do you remember passion?
I left him hanging from a thorn in Rome
He had a good backhand
But no philosophy.

D.M.Templer 4/26



CRICKET REPORT

The latter-half of the 1966 season saw the 1st.XI unbeaten and playing cricket of a very high standard. With nine members of that team remaining at school, the hope that the 1967 season would be even more successful, was obviously very high. This hope was fully materialised, and the School 1st.XI had one of the best seasons since the war, being unbeaten against school sides, and winning in all seven matches.

The bowling was the most obvious weakness of the team throughout the season, only one of last year's pace bowlers being able to maintain a regular first team place. At no time did the team have a recognised spinner in the side, and this meant the attack lacked variety, and in consequence there was a marked absence of penetration. Whilst one felt that on occasions the bowling was near its peak, particularly in the matches against Brentwood and St.Albans, it could never be relied upon to maintain the pressure once an early breakthrough had been made. The main weaknesses which prevented the bowlers from obtaining their due rewards, were that they were unable to bowl consistently, accurately, or on a good length, and often had a reasonable over wrecked by one bad ball. In all fairness to the bowlers, however, they were not helped by the pitches, which tended to favour batsmen, and also by indifferent fielding. However, with greater effort put in at net-practices by all who have pretensions at being able to bowl, in an attempt to master the basic essentials of accuracy and length, there is no reason why the bowling should not attain the level of consistency attributable to the batting last year. Net-practices last year were not used very well, particularly by the bowlers, and unless these sessions are used *SERIOUSLY* by all, they will be of little use for players, and may well have a detrimental effect.

In contrast, the batting was generally consistent, of considerable depth, and except in three cases, where the situation demanded, was conducted in an attacking vein. This can be judged from the figures. Throughout the season, the scoring rate was over 68 an hour, and in many cases, the rate was over 80 an hour for a completed innings. This attacking spirit enabled us to go for almost any target when batting second, and because of the depth in batting, continue chasing this target for much longer than other sides appeared able to do This depth of batting can be judged from the fact that R.D.Woolerton and G.S.Haslehurst batted at nos. 8 and 9 in the order, and both have scored 50's for the 1st.XI in the past. The consistency of the batting is evident from the fact that during the season 11 fifties were shared between 5 batsmen, and furthermore 14 scores between 30 and 50, shared by 7 batsmen. During the 14 innings during the season there were only 5 matches in which there was no fifty, and only one match when there was no score of more than 30.

The one aspect of the teams' performance that was regularly below par, was the fielding. There were few matches during which it was consistently good, and promising situations were often squandered by bad lapses in the field, from which no-one can be excluded. One of the worst faults was the lack of anticipation, and in consequence many catches were made to look difficult, and dropped, and many more were not even attempted. Fielding does not need any brilliance on the part of the individual, but merely intelligent anticipation of the path of the ball the process of fielding it will then become far simpler. Brilliant fielding in school cricket is rare, but it does not require an immense amount of practice to make the fielding well above average

The season ended therefore with the team unbeaten by other school sides, and losing only to the M.C.C. and the Old Haberdashers', both matches being lost principally because the team lacked the experience possessed by these teams. While the above report may indicate that the batsmen performed with more consistency than the bowlers, the success of the team was essentially the result of concentrated teamwork. The desire to win became increasingly more evident as the season progressed, and the bitter disappointment at losing was felt by most players. Success is based on the will to win, and this will was always in evidence last season.

The climax to school cricket last year, as the previous year, was the tour to Devon, which this year resulted in three wins in three matches. While the standard of opposition was not as high as before, the results were very commendable, and the team had a thoroughly enjoyable time both on and off the field. The highlight of the tour was the feat of scoring 204–7 in 30 overs against the Wessex Brigade, when the team was at its most aggressive and uninhabited. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Yeabsley and Snook, for their efforts on our behalf on the tour.

In conclusion, I should like to thank all those masters who have given up so much of their time both at nets and whilst umpiring — their efforts are appreciated by all players. I should also like to thank Mr. Packer, who has spent so much time in preparing pitches for us, all of which have been of a very high standard, and have maintained the progress noticeable in the past six years. Finally I should like to thank, on behalf of all school cricketers, Mr. Yeabsley for the work he has put in on behalf of school cricket. His efforts can be seen from the results, which have been the best overall for a number of years. He has proved by his example, that keeness in all departments of the game, will rapidly improve the standard of school cricket.

C.R.Done

Congratulations to C.R.Done and P.S. Mackie who represented Hertfordshire Schools during the vacation. D.I.Y.

MATCH REPORTS

1st. XI v. Brentwood (Away)

The school won the toss and elected to field, against a side who had lost only one school match in three years, and who had never been beaten by us in six attempts. An early run out, and a very lively pitch, gave the bowlers a great incentive, and both Goy and Foster bowled well, without a great deal of luck These two, and Woolerton and Scott, were able to restrict Brentwood to 58–3 at lunch, after 90 minutes. After lunch, wickets fell at fairly regular intervals, and Brentwood were all out for 132, with Foster the most successful bowler with 4–28. Three run-outs also helped to their downfall, and were part of a most efficient display in the field. The school had plenty of time to make the runs, and a solid opening stand of 35, by Kahn and Saville, enabled the later batsmen to play their shots, so much so that the last 100 runs came in only 63 minutes. The school finished at 134–3, with Done 61* and Mackie 20*.

1st. XI v. M.C.C. (Home)

The school lost the toss, and the M.C.C. elected to bat on a very hard pitch, with an exceptionally fast outfield. Despite an opening stand of 118 in 74 minutes, the bowlers fought back and restricted the M.C.C. to 155–4 at lunch, allowing them only 37 runs in 46 minutes after the fall of the first wicket. The M.C.C. batted on for 40 minutes after lunch adding 62 runs, thus declaring at 217–5. Woolerton was the most successful bowler with 3–35 in 14 overs, a just reward for some very tight bowling. The school made a bad start, losing Kahn with the score at 14, to the former West Indian test bowler, Dr.C.B.Clarke. However, Done (57) and Saville (35) put on 89 for the 2nd. wicket, which left the school in a very strong position. A disastrous collapse saw the score slide to 118–5. Mackie, however, took part with Scott and Haslehurst, in two useful partnerships, which took the score to 158–7. Whilst Mackie was there the school always had a chance, but his dismissal at 166, saw the end of our resistance, though Goy (16*) struck a few useful blows When Foster became C.B Clarke's sixth victim, the school were all out for 185, thus losing by 32 runs – one of the best results for a long time against the M.C.C.

1st. XI v. Colonel Bird's XI. (Home)

After losing the toss, the school gained an early success, but were then thwarted by a partnership of 159 in 88 minutes. The performance of the school during this period grew steadily worse, and the persistent efforts of the bowlers during this onslaught were nullified by appalling fielding. In consequence even the bowlers became disheartened, and their performance began to deteriorate, leaving our opponents in the very strong position of 182–2 at lunch. Thanks largely to some very indifferent batting after lunch, as well as some accurate bowling by Foster and Goy, the score was restricted to 241–7 – only 59 runs having been added in 65 minutes. Goy was the best of the bowlers, taking 3–75, a return which could have been better but for the poor fielding. Despite losing Saville in the first over, a partnership of 130 for the second wicket in 84 minutes, between Done (66) and Morgan (63), gave the school the initiative Although both were out at the same score, Mackie (76*) and Scott (16) continued the attack and put on 46 in 36 minutes, for the fourth wicket. Another minor collapse ensued, but Mackie took complete control and though runs came slowly from the other end, the target was reached with 9 minutes to spare. In the process, the school had reached its largest total since the war, and had recorded one of its best wins ever.

1st XI RESULTS

May 10	Bancroft's 122–7 dec. (Agran 3–26); H. A. E. S. 123–3 (Phipps 81*)	*WON*
13	Royal Masonic 114 (Goy 3–24); H. A. E. S. "A" 56–6	*DRAWN*
17	Gentelmen of Herts 17–1	*ABANDONED*
20	H. A. E. S. 154–6 dec. (Phipps 71, Done 38); Chigwell 126–7)Foster 3–28)	*DRAWN*
June 10	Brentwood 132 (Foster 4–28); H. A. E. S. 134–3 (Done 61*)	*WON*
14	M. C. C. 217–5 dec. (Woolerton 3–35); H. A. E. S. 185 (Done 57, Saville 35, Mackie 33)	*LOST*
21	St. Alban's 120 (Woolerton 6–31); H. A. E. S. 124–7 (Mackie 51, Done 44)	*WON*
24	H. A. E. S. 138–6 dec. (Morgan 53, Reiss 31*) Queen Elizabeth 77–5	*DRAWN*
July 1	Latymer Upper 150–9 dec. (Foster 4–72, Done 3–14); H. A. E. S. 107–9 (Mackie 32)	*DRAWN*
8	H. A. E. S. 187–9 dec. (Mackie 38m Phipps 37, Reiss 30 (Old Haberdashers 190–6	*LOST*
15	City of London 175–4 dec.; H. A. E. S. 113–5 (Mackie 36*, Morgan 34)	*DRAWN*
19	Colonel Bird's XI 241–7 dec. (Goy 3–75); H. A. E. S. 245–6 (Mackie 76*, Done 66, Morgan 63)	*WON*
24	H. A. E. S. 204–7 (Morgan 60, Scott 37) 30 OVERS; Wessex Brigade 108 (Haslehurst 8–11) 25.3 OVERS	*WON*
26	H. A. E. S. 155–9 dec. (Done 47); Royal Marines 98 (Haslehurst 4–10, Woolerton 4–16)	*WON*
27	Kentisbeare 116 (Haslehurst 4–9, Woolerton 4–17); H. A. E. S. 117–1 (Wright 50*, Done 36*)	*WON*

1st. XI AVERAGES

BATTING	*INNS.*	*N.O.*	*RUNS*	*HIGHEST SCORE*	*AVERAGE*
P. S. MACKIE	12	4	346	76*	43.25
C. R. DONE	13	2	418	66	38.00
D. MORGAN	12	1	288	63	26.18
P. D. REISS	5	2	76	31*	25.33
A. J. PHIPPS	12	1	256	81*	23.27
G. S. HASLEHURST	11	6	87	16	17.40
A. P. SCOTT	9	0	140	37	15.56

BOWLING	*OVERS*	*MAIDENS*	*RUNS*	*WICKETS*	*AVERAGE*
G. S. HASLEHURST	21.3	10	35	17	2.06
R. S. WOOLERTON	120	26	330	28	11.79
C. AGRAN	35.1	8	98	7	14.00
R. A. FOSTER	146	27	506	18	28.11
D. J. L. GOY	136.4	31	449	13	34.54

Team: C. R. Done*; P. S. Mackie*; G. S. Haslehurst*; A. J. Phipps+; D. Morgan+; R. A. Foster+; R. D. Woolerton+; D. J. L. Goy; B. J. Kahn; P. D. Reiss; R. C. C. Saville; A. P. Scott.

Also played:— C. Agran; E. R. Wright; R. A. Barlow; P. M. Wakely.

* *Full colours* + *Half colours*

SECOND XI

As last season the 2nd XI proved, statistically at least, the most successful school side, winning seven and losing one of nine matches. The team spirit was as high as last season, and a light-hearted but determined outlook to the game enabled everyone to enjoy playing as well as getting the maximum possible enjoyment out of winning.

The season started with an apparently invincible team and a convincing 8 wicket defeat of Bancrofts'. Soon, however, as is the prerogative of the second team we lost Dave Goy and Richard Saville, the best of the bowling and batting respectively, to the 1st XI. Although no really outstanding individuals remained the batting was very consistent, six batsmen finishing the season with an average of over twenty, and one of Paul Wakely, Andy Bracken or Clive Agran could be relied upon for a good bowling performance.

The second eleven tradition of batting second paid dividends, with all but one of the opposing sides being bowled out, and the batting nearly always sufficiently strong to score the necessary number of runs. Having said this our one defeat came when, after having restricted Brentwood, our strongest opponents, to 125 runs all the batting failed simultaneously and the side could only muster 65 runs

The most promising performances were against the Old Boys and St. Alban's. In the former match the opposition were dismissed for 106 and despite the bowling of the usual O.H.1st XI captain a great combined effort gained a narrow 4-wicket win The St.Alban's side was not as strong but Paul Wakely took 8 wickets in the St.Alban's innings and was almost unplayable, while the batsmen knocked off the 126 runs required losing only three wickets in the process.

The only consistently bad aspect of the team's playing was the fielding – only Tony Higham was outstanding in the field, and some unforgivable atrocities were committed by the rest of the team.

Good luck to next year's team and grateful thanks to Ian Ross, a superbly efficient scorer and Mr. Dawson for his advice and encouragement.

E.R.Wright

*Team:- E.Wright**, C.Agran*, R.Barlow*, D.Best*, A.Bracken*, A.Higham*, D.Isaacs*, B.Kahu* P.Moss*, P.Rosman*, P.Wakely**

*** Half-colours * 1st XXII colours*

Also played:- D.Goy, R.Saville, D.Swirsky, M.Hurley, T.Clark.

Colt's Cricket

This report embraces three sides from the Middle School, the Under 15, Under 15½ and Under 16's. The Under 15½ was often a promising amalgamation of the younger and older groups. The talent available probably encouraged the wild forecasts made at the start of the season. In the event matches were thrown away by a combination of over-confidence, lack of match temperament and inadequate preliminary net practice.

Several players did well with the bat, especially Hughes, Russom, Brand and Seaman. The first mentioned showed a variety of strokes and a controlled aggression that would only be expected from a more senior player. In addition Reiss was promoted to the School 1st XI where he was more successful than he had been in Colts matches.

The bowling overall was less satisfactory. Too little thought was given to where the ball was going to be put, and length and direction were often sacrificed for wild fury. Forrester and Evans, however, showed some consistency among the faster men, and Humphries and Estorick often had the opposition guessing with their own brands of the slower stuff.

The fielding was too variable, although the standard was admittedly generally at least as good as that of our opponents. Higham looked a real prospect as a wicket-keeper and Page, in his first season in that position, gave valuable service.

The future, there, is not gloomy.fore The talent exists to make sure that the present standards of the First XI are maintained. Steady application coupled with modesty and enthusiasm will make sure that this aim is achieved.

D.F.B.W.

Results *Junior Colts (Under 15)*

P.	*W.*	*D.*	*L.*
5	*1*	*2*	*2*

Senior Colts (Under 15½ and Under 16)

P!	*W.*	*D.*	*L.*
8	*2*	*2*	*3*

Teams from:- Brand, Breen, Clarke, Cronbach, Estorick, Evans, Forrester, Frenkel, Harris Higham, Hughes, Humphries, Mylam, Newbold, Page, Reiss, Rosenthal, Russam Sherman, Williams.

Also played:- Feldman, Gelber, Hassan, Pierce.

HOCKEY CLUB

Zwolle, Holland, Whitsuntide 1967

An invitation was received in the Lent term from Hockey Club Tempo '41, Zwolle, to take part in their Youth International tournament from the 13th to the 15th of May. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Club's foundation, teams were also invited from Hamburg (Germany), Hattem (Holland) and from the host town itself.

In Holland, most of the hockey clubs are 'mixed' and a girls tournament was being run at the same time – the English representatives being Moira House School from Eastbourne.

The invitation was accepted with much enthusiasm and the preparations were earnestly made. One problem did arise. The tournament was some six weeks after the end of our season and the practise sessions had to be carefully arranged so that they did not interfere with the usual activities of the summer term. However, training four times a week did take place and by May 13th we were all reasonably fit.

The journey to Zwolle began with the mini-bus which took the 15-strong party to Heathrow at 5.45a.m. At 8.30a.m. the Trident aircraft touched down at Schiphol, Amsterdam and the Hockey Club became the first school sports representatives to step on foreign soil. Members of the Youth Committee were waiting to meet us and this kind gesture was one of many we were to receive during our stay. The last 65 miles to Zwolle took almost 3 hours and we reached our final destination at mid-day. After a short introduction to our host families, we departed separately to all parts of Zwolle and ate our first Dutch meal.

At 2.30 we assembled at the Town Hall together with 115 other players, for the official reception by the Burgo meister, and later we were taken back to the clubhouse for the Opening Ceremony. We were reminded of the 'truly International tournament' when the respective flags were raised to the accompaniment of the National Anthem, and, although we were not due to play until later that afternoon, we were eager to sum up the opposition when the first matches began. At 5.15 we bullied off against Hattemse Hockey Club, the eventual winners of the tournament, and went down 0–2. However, this was by no means a disgrace for it was obvious that they were a force to contend with.

On Sunday 14th, our three matches began at 11.00a.m., 1.15p.m. and 5.15p.m. and although each was only 30 minutes each way, the final game was played at a much slower rate than the others. The first match against Zwollsche H.C. was won 2–1, and the second, against Uhlenhorster H.C. from Hamburg, was lost 0–1, although perhaps we played our best hockey in this game.

Generally speaking, the long grass was not inducive to short passing movements and the 'push' was 'impossible' under any circumstances. Yet we continually failed to hit the ball firmly enough and many forward movements broke down before the circle was approached for this very reason.

Our final game, against the host club Tempo '41 was approached with some relish. In the previous game Zwollsche had beaten Tempo '41 and as we had beaten Zwollsche in the morning, a victory over Tempo '41 should have been well within our capability. The resulting 1–1 draw was perhaps a fitting end, but our best performance was disappointing, especially after our earlier success.

The programme was completed on the Monday morning and the tournament was closed with the honouring of the winners and the final ceremony. The plane from Schiphol was due to leave at 10 p.m. and so this gave us 3 hours in which to look around the City of Amsterdam. After a short customs check, a swift journey by mini-bus, our 'Dutch tour' was over – and all in the space of 67 hours!

In retrospect those few hours were the most valuable of the whole season. It was unanimously felt that the experience was worthwhile and although this cannot be directly measured, I am sure it will pay dividends for the 10 players who will make up the XI next season.

For this perfect end to the season (which we hope will be an annual event) all thanks are due to Mr. Thomas. He not only spent many hours arranging the administrative side of the tour but also gave up much of his time during the summer term coaching the players and for this the Hockey Club is indebted to him.

D.Woolerton

Tour Party: R. Barlow, C.R. Done, D.G. Best, J. Amir, P.S. Mackie, A.P. Scott, E.R. Wright, J.R. Woolnough, R.D. Woolerton, A.J. Phipps, M.P. Elman, J. Rozlan, Azlan Abubakar.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The 1966–67 season was notable for an increasingly serious approach to the game with a consequent rise in the general standard of tennis. The introduction of a professional coach, Mr. Fish, together with the example on court of Mr. Reynolds and the enthusiasm of Robinson, the Captain, undoubtedly accounts very largely for this. Over the past few years tennis has gradually moved away from being a soft option to a game to be enjoyed by playing it well, and this is now showing itself in the increasing number of players of good standard.

As always the first fixture against U.C.S was one of our most difficult, and the resulting 7–2 reflected the lack of holiday practice before the start of the season. However, the team settled down to a good season winning five of their eight matches. Edelman and Robinson played first pair which gave the inexperienced but enthusiastic Edelman valuable practice in the techniques of match play, and it is to be hoped that this experience will be evident next season. McIver and Ballard were a very steady second pair, and Dinham and Redway played third pair. Lock also appeared a number of times for the team. With a possible five of these players available next season, the prospects look very good provided the enthusiasm and example of this year's captain Robinson can be maintained by the new captain.

An interesting and promising feature of the season has been the very large number of players from whom the 2nd VI could be chosen, and matches were arranged for a 3rd VI and also an U.16 colts team. The 2nd VI won half of their matches, and the 3rd VI and colt teams were unbeaten.

The thanks of the club are due to Messrs. Fish and Reynolds for their coaching and advice, to Mr. Wakely and Ballard for looking after the administrative arrangements, and to Robinson who has been one of the most effective captains the club has had in recent seasons.

R.H.W.

SWIMMING REPORT

The swimming club enjoyed another excellent season, with a notable improvement in the results of colts' matches. The results were that the Seniors lost 2 and the Colts lost 1 match out of 14 and the Juniors lost 3 out of 5. Again the invincible teams were from Berkhamstead, who seemed to have even stronger swimmers this year. However, the defeats of Bishop Stortford and Trinity schools were particularly pleasing, since they were both new fixtures designed to increase competition. In general the match results were true to form.

The members of the Junior team were rather inexperienced and had an indifferent season. The notable exception was Pete Saxon, who frequently swam for the Colts and demonstrated his ability in all strokes and in the diving.

The Colts, captained by Phil Abrahams, also had a number of inexperienced swimmers, but of these Simon Rowe and Richard Deeprose, in particular, swam well in all the matches. Robert Crabb, who this year changed from breast stroke to swimming crawl, did some splendid sprints as last swimmer in the relays, frequently recovering what appeared to be a last race.

The Seniors were again dominated by Deryk Allsopp, who swam magnificently against the junior international swimmer from City of London. Deryk won all three races in which they took part, breaking two school records in the process. Incidentally, he was unlucky to miss the Junior international this year, being dropped after originally being chosen to swim, to reduce the number of competitors.

The breast strokers, Bill Bartlett and Clive Amstein enjoyed some interesting tussles between themselves, both eventually recording a time of 75.1 for the 100 yd (a record for a 25yd pool). Rick Donmall also had a good season swimming backstroke reducing the school record to 66.1 and winning every time over 100yd. He was supported by Nik Lomas-Smith who swam well, considering it is his first year in the school team.

The team swimming in the Public Schools' Medley Relay came 8th out of 44 schools, just missing the final, and holding the highest position ever by the school. In the Bath Cup freestyle relay we were 12th out of 48 schools, a vast improvement on last year's result.

The success of all the teams is largely due to Mr. Snook's enthusiasm and carefully planned training sessions. Our thanks are also due to the increased number of masters who have supported in this year, especially Messrs. Burnham, Rolfe and Thomas.

Now to the future – with a much greater depth in swimmers there should be increased competition and faster times. However to be fit for racing, one must have stamina and this should be gained in the Winter months. The renewed interest in Water Polo could relieve some of the boredom of stamina training, and finally greater use should be made of the gym for weight and circuit training.

Martin Govas

Full Colours	*Reawarded to Allsopp, Donmall, Govas* *Awarded to Amstein, Bartlett*
Half Colours	*Crabb, Lomas-Smith*
Colts' Colours	*Abrahams, Newby, Ross, Rowe*
Junior Colours	*Saxon*

RESULTS

	Seniors	*Colts*	*Juniors*
Aldenham	*W* 78 – 35	*W* 71 – 31	
City of London	*W* 42½ – 34½	*W* 43 – 34	*L* 32 – 34
Berkhamstead	*L* 39 – 54	*L* 48½ – 63½	*L* 33 – 55
Highgate	*L* 39 – 48	*W* 48½ – 29	*W* 33 – 32
Mill Hill	*W* 65 – 38	*W* 61½ – 37½	
The Leys	*W* 65 – 43	*W* 61½ – 48	
Bancrofts	*W* 71 – 38	*W* 74 – 35	*W* 44 – 21
Royal Masonic	*W* 52 – 25	*W* 54 – 23	
Bishop Stortford	*W* 46 – 42	*W* 44 – 33	
Merchant Taylors	*W* 36½ – 35½	*W* 31 – 11	
Dulwich	*W* 38½ – 31½	*W* 37 – 33	
Trinity	*W* 51 – 27	*W* 49 – 29	*L* 25 – 41
Westminster	*W* 80 – 30	*W* 82½ – 47½	
St Johns	*W* 80 – 64	*W* 82½ – 47	

This years House Swimming Gala provided a fine overall display of swimming. As usual several individuals were prominent, Govas, Donmall and Bartlett in the Seniors, Allsopp, Crabb and Abrahams in the Colts, and Saxon, Auden and Gelber in the Juniors. Allsopp dominated the Open Events, winning the 450 yards Freestyle in a new school record time of 5mins 4.6secs.

In contrast to the swimming, the diving was of a poor standard, and it is fortunate that diving does not figure prominently in school swimming matches throughout the year. Thanks are due to all the masters and all those concerned in the organisation of a successful afternoon.

The House – Gala 1967 – Results

OPEN EVENTS

450 yds Freestyle: *(Care Cup)*
1) D. J. Allsopp (M) 2) M. Govas (J) 3) R. Donmall (J) Time: 5m 4.6 secs. *(Record)*

100 yds Freestyle: *(Fletcher Cup)*
1) D. J. Allsopp (M) 2) R. Crabb (R) 3) M. H. Govas (J) Time: 58.5 secs.

SENIOR EVENTS

50 yds Crawl:
1) M. H. Govas (J) 2) S. Hardman (R) 3) A. McGregor (M) Time: 27.6 secs.

100 yds Breastroke:
1) W. J. Bartlett (H) 2) C. Amstein (S) 3) N. Burden (C) Time: 76.8 secs.

100 yds Backstroke:
1) R. C. Donmall (J) 2) N. Lomas-Smith (M) 3) S. Hardman (R) Time: 69.9 secs.

50 yds Butterfly:
1) M. H. Govas (J) 2) W. J. Bartlett (H) 3) P. A. Oppenheimer (R) Time: 33.1 secs.

4 x 50 yds Individual Medley: *(Allsopp Cup)*
1) W. J. Bartlett (H) (2) M. H. Govas (J) C. Amstein (S) Time: 2m 48.9 secs.

COLTS EVENTS

50 yds Crawl:
1) D. J. Allsopp (M) 2) R. Crabb (R) 3) M. Ross (H) Time: 25.5 secs.

50 yds Breastroke:
1) R. Crabb (R) 2) P. N. Abrahams (C) 3) S. N. Cox (H) Time: 35.5 secs.

50 yds Backstroke:
1) M. Ross (H) 2) P. Newby (C) 3) D. Lucke-hille (S) Time: 34.9 secs.

25 yds Butterfly:
1) P.N. Abrahams (C) 2) P.Ind (M) 3) S.N. Cox (H) Time: 15.1 secs.

4 x 25 yds Individual Medley: *(Lewis Cup)*
1) D.J. Allsopp (M) 2) P.N. Abrahams (C) 3) R. Crabb (R) Time: 1 min. 8.7 secs.
(Cup: P.N. Abrahams)

JUNIOR EVENTS

50 yds Crawl:
1) Saxon (C) 2) Gelber (H) 3) Lewis (M) Time: 31.6 secs.

50 yds Breastroke:
1) Auden (J) 2) Raw (C) 3) Goff (S) Time: 39.5 secs.

50 yds Backstroke:
1) Saxon (C) 2) Hughes (H) 3) Van Griethuysen (S) Time: 36.1 secs.

25 yds Butterfly:
1) Gelber (H) 2) Auden (J) 3) Ross (C) Time: 19 2 secs.

4 x 25 yds Individual Medley: *(Lewis Trophy)*
1) Saxon (C) 2) Gelber (H) 3) Gordon (J) Time: 1 min. 28.2 secs.

U.12 EVENTS

50 yds Crawl:
1) Fleet (M) 2) Raw (C) 3) McGregor (M) Time: 37.0 secs.

25 yds Breastroke
1) Hannaford (M) 2) Goodwin (R) 3) Alterman (C) Time: 20.3 secs.

25 yds Backstroke:
1) Raw (C) 2) Fleet (M) 3) Taylor (S) Time: 18.5 secs.

U.12 Medley Relay
1) M 2) C 3) R 4) S 5) J Time: 81.4 secs.

Junior Medley Relay
1) C 2) H 3) M 4) J 5) S 6) R Time: 70.1 secs.

Colts Medley Relay
1) C 2) M 3) H 4) R 5) J S—Disqualified Time: 2min. 23.5 secs.

Senior Medley Relay *(Hasset Cup)*
1) J 2) H 3) R 4) M 5) S 6) C

Junior Freestyle Relay
1) H 2) C 3) J 4) M 5) R 6) S Time: 2min. 25.2 secs.

Colts Freestyle Relay *(Peavot Cup)*
1) C 2) M 3) R 4) H 5) S 6) J Time: 2min. 4.5 secs.

Senior Freestyle Relay
1) J 2) H 3) R 4) C 5) S 6) M Time: 2min. 0.5 secs.

U. 12 Diving
1) Fleet (M) 30 pts. 2) Goodwin (R) 25 pts. 3) Alterman (C) 22½ pts.

Junior Diving
1) Saxon (C) 38 pts. 2) Lewis (M) 25½ pts. 3) Gidwani (R) 29 pts.

Colts Diving
1) Hodgson (S) 36½ pts. 2) Ind (M) 32½ pts. 3) French (J)

Senior Diving
1) McGregor (M) 35½ pts. 2) Amstein (S) 30 pts. 3) Parham (R) 28½ pts.

Result of U. 12 and Junior Competitions
1) C 2) M 3) H 4) J 5) S 6) R

The Thomas Arna Cup (Open and Senior) (Individual Replica: M.H. Govas (J)
1) J 2) H 3) R 4) M 5) S 6) C

The Dodd Cup (Open, Senior and Colt)
1) M 2) J 3) H 4) C 5) R 6) S

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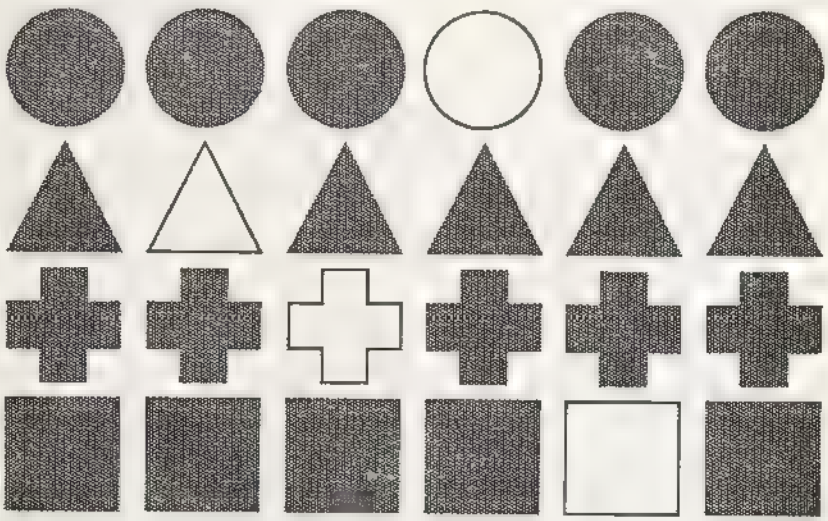
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OLD HABERDASHERS ASSOCIATION

1968 SOCIAL DIARY

Fri. February 2nd	Annual Dinner at the Haberdashers Hall
Sat. February 10th	O.H.R.F.C's Beef and Beer Evening at the Clubhouse
Sat. February 24th	Leap Year Dance at the Clubhouse
Fri. March 22nd	1940/49 Decade Dinner at the Clubhouse
Sun. March 31st	Club Night at the Clubhouse
Sat. April 20th	End of Season Dance at the Clubhouse
Sun. April 28th	Club Night at the Clubhouse
Wed. May 8th	O. H. Fives Club - Annual Dinner at the Plough Inn, Elstree
Fri. May 10th	1955/64 Decade Dinner at the Clubhouse
Sat. May 18th	Wine and Cheese Party at the Clubhouse
Sun. May 26th	Club Night at the Clubhouse
Fri. June 7th	Prior 1930 Decade Dinner at the Clubhouse
Sat. June 15th	Disc-o-Barn - Venue to be announced
Sat. June 29th	Childrens Party at the Clubhouse
Sun. June 30th	Club Night at the Clubhouse
Sat. July 13th	Barbecue and Dance at the Clubhouse
Sun. July 28th	Club Night at the Clubhouse
Sun. August 25th	Club Night at the Clubhouse
September	A.G.M. and Presidents Reception at the Clubhouse
Fri. September 27th	Ladies Night at the Clubhouse
Sun. September 29th	Club Night at the Clubhouse
Thurs. October 24th	O. H. Cricket Club - Annual Dinner at Plantation House
Sun. October 27th	Club Night at the Clubhouse
Sat. November 2nd	Guy Fawkes Dance at the Clubhouse
Sun. November 24th	Club Night at the Clubhouse
Sat. December 14th	O.H.R.F.C. Annual Dinner at the Hendon Hall Hotel
Sat. December 21st	Christmas Dance at the Clubhouse
Sun. December 29th	Club Night at the Clubhouse

BIRTHS

COCHRANE: On 7th March 1967, to MARION, wife of TOM J.D.COCHRANE (1939–46) a daughter, RUTH EMMA.

EASTERBROOK: On 6th August 1967, to JOAN, wife of ROGER J. EASTERBROOK (1946 53), a son, STEPHEN JAMES.

FORSYTH: On 2nd September 1967, to ELIZABETH, wife of NEIL FORSYTH (1938–45), a daughter, HELEN MARY.

GOLDING: On 25th June 1967, to ANNE, wife of MICHAEL C. GOLDING (1942–50), a son, GUY JONATHAN CHARLES.

LEVERTON: On 30th May 1967, to PATRICIA, wife of ROGER F.LEVERTON (1949–56), a daughter, SALLY JOANNE.

LIDINGTON: On 7th June 1967, to SHIRLEY, wife of JOHN A. A.LIDINGTON (1940–48), a son, MICHAEL JAMES.

SHEPARD: On 12th October 1967, to GILLIAN, wife of GRAHAM L.H.SHEPARD (1952 -59), a daughter, PHILIPPA JANE.

TAPPIN: On 25th May 1967, to MARGARET, wife of MALCOLM TAPPIN (1948–55), a daughter.

WARD: On 28th May 1967, to JUDITH, wife of GLEN D.WARD (1941–47), a daughter, AMY SARAH CATHERINE.

WITHERIDGE: On 1st July 1967, to JULIET, wife of MICHAEL R.WITHERIDGE (1951–57), a daughter, VICTORIA SARAH LAURA.

MARRIAGES

LITTLEWOOD/NICHOLS: On 9th September, 1967, at St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill, JULIAN LITTLEWOOD (1952–59) to Miss STEPHANIE NICHOLS. PAUL LITTLEWOOD (1954–60 Dec.) was best man and the guests included JOHN G.BOON (1950–56), TRISTAN L.EVANS (1955–61), MICHAEL J.HUTTON (1948–55), EVERETT R.S.LANDAU (1952–58), CLIVE I.OHRENSTEIN (1950–58), MELVIN W.R.STEELE (1952–59), JOHN G.P.SUMMERILL (1953–60), and W.PAUL WATSON (1952–57).

MORGAN/HORTON: On 14th October 1967, at St. Anne's Church, West Hill, Highgate, STEPHEN H.MORGAN (1950-61), to Miss MARIELLA HORTON. NICHOLAS B.TWISSELL (1949–60) was best man and TRISTAN L.EVANS (1955–61) an usher. C.RODNEY, B.JAKEMAN (1956–61), DAVID A.READ (1955–60) and MARTIN R.WILLIAMS (1955–61) were also present.

OHRENSTEIN/LAWSON: On 24th September 1967, at the Central Synagogue, Great Portland Street, CLIVE I. OHRENSTEIN (1950-58), to Miss SUSAN LAWSON. EVERETT R.S.LANDAU (1952–58) and JULIAN LITTLEWOOD (1952–59) were amongst the guests.

SKINNER/CUE: On 2nd September 1967, at St. Barnabas' Church, Northolt Park, ROGER F.SKINNER (1958–63) to Miss MARGARET ANN CUE.

WELLS/VAN GULLICK: On 26th May 1967, at Hampstead Registry Office, RICHARD J.WELLS (1956–62) to Miss MERRYL VAN GULLICK. JOHN H.McCREATH (1956–63) was the chief witness.

WOOLFORD/PETERS. On 29th July 1967, at Holly Trinity Church, Roehampton, ALAN J.WOOLFORD (1944–51) to Miss VALERIE PETERS.

DEATHS

BATCHELOR-George (1900–1909) died on July 31st, 1967. President H.O.B.C. 1955/56. Hon. Mem. O.H.R.F.C., and O.H.C.C.

BEAN-Sydney H. (1912–20) died August 3rd, 1967. President H.O.B.C. 1952/53. President O.H.R.F.C. 1947/48, 48/49 and 49/50. He was the R.F.C. representative on Middlesex County Committee. Hon. Member of O.H.C.C.

FORD-Ernest A. (1909–1914) died at his home in Worthing, December 1966.

GARROD-Hubert C. (left School 1896) died on June 10th, 1967 in his 88th year.

JONES-Alan Douglas (1939–46) died suddenly on 12th September 1967. After National Service in the R.A.F., he worked throughout at the Bank of England, much of his leisure time being spent in choral and other musical activities. *We extend our sympathies to his family, particularly to his brother, Graham.

OBITUARY

BATCHELOR - George (1900–09) died on July 31st, 1967, at the age of 76. His death was on the thirtieth anniversary of his wedding day. He had eight terms at Elm Lodge and Woodbrook before the opening of the Hampstead School. He won the Sixth Form prize in 1908. In the same year and in 1909 he was Cricket Captain and so magnified his office as to persuade his father to present Caps to the First Eleven! He was the first Colour Sergeant in the Cadet Corps and was School Captain in 1909. Up to the outbreak of World War I he was Captain of the O.H.A.F.C. Commissioned in the Essex Regiment he was soon seconded for special duties as a P.T. Instructor both in England and in the U.S.A. For two years running (1942–3) he was Worshipful Master of the Haberdashers' Old Boys' Lodge and was President of the Old Haberdashers' Association in 1955–56. After leaving school he joined Whitehorn Brothers, then Weddells (Provisions), later L.G.Sloan (Waternam's Pens), Playing Cards, Summit Pens, and finally Waddington's until his retirement. He was London Representative of this Leeds firm. Latterly he was an active member of the Highgate Golf Club. He was a 'single figure' golfer fluctuating between 5 and 9. He was Captain of the Club and later President. Two years before his death he was given the great honour of being made a Life Member.

PERSONAL

COLLINS, Peter J. (1952–62) has been appointed a Research lecturer in Mathematics at St. Edmund Hall, while continuing his past-graduate research as a Senior Scholar at Corpus Christi, Oxon.

DAWKINS, B. (1935–43) has now taken up a post as Regional Training Officer (London & S.E.Region) of the Engineering Training Board, having moved south from Cheshire.

DIXON, Peter (1931–35) during a two months' trip round the Caribbean (visiting Trinidad, Tobago, Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Barbados, Antigua Tortola, St. Thomas and Puerto Rico) reports that he was entertained by Kenneth E. Maddocks (1938–40 & 1943–44) on the first-named island and by Johnnie R. McTurk (1929–36) at the last-named. The former has since returned to the Shell head office and is living in Surrey. As resident manager of the Caribe Hilton, the latter was probably able to assist Peter in choosing Tobago as a suitable site for a prospective hotel. During further travels since, he has met Felix Marcel (19 —) on a boat coming back from Scandinavia and John H.Feltham (1935–42) in Farnham, Surrey.

DOWNS, Barry L. (1955–62) B.Sc., G.I.Mech.E., is now working as a Planning Engineer in Birmingham.

DUNN, Ian (1952–60) having qualified at Guy's Hospital is now a Captain in the Royal Army Dental Corps and is at present posted in Edinburgh.

DRUCQUER, Leonard (19 —) has been elected Chairman of Council of Engineering Institution.

FELLOWS, Peter H. (1953–64) gained a B.Sc. (Honours) degree at King's College London and is now taking a one year course for an M.Sc. in Spectrostrophy at Surrey University.

GOODCHILD, Capt. Frank J. O.B.E. (1912–17) this year celebrates his Ruby wedding as well as his "golden" as an O.H.

KING, David W. (1953–60) who has been teaching in Durham for the past two years, has returned to the London area. Having notified his occasional availability for a junior O.H.R.F.C. side, he was shattered to be invited to stand in as hooker for the 1st XV at Plymouth. Nevertheless, David agreed to go and apparently showed he has retained his remarkable speed of striking.

KING, Geoffrey H. (1955–61) who has played for the O.H.R.F.C. for the past three seasons, took up a post as lecturer at the Brussels Bible Institute during the Autumn. There is no question of London's being too small to hold the two brothers!

KIRKBY, John V.M. (1947–57) was ordained a Deacon by the Lord Bishop of London at St. Paul's Cathedral on 29th September 1967. He is now serving in the Parish of St. James's, Muswell Hill.

MUTEAU, Gustave F. (1921–25) retired from Credit Lyonnais during the early winter, after 42 years' "hard". He hopes now to be able to pay an occasional visit to the Clubhouse.

NEWTON, Alan M. (1946–53) who played regular at scrum-half for the O.H.R.F.C. 1st XV during the seasons 1953/56 and finally had to retire because of a cartilege injury in November 1962 is now living in Warwick. He is Personnel Manager with Massey-Ferguson in Coventry.

NEWTON, Barry (1950–58) who played regularly for the O.H.R.F.C. until a serioud illness in 1965, will be in Guiana for 3 months until just before Christmas.

PATERSON, Michael J. (1952–48) Major, A.C.C.) who played for the O H.R F.C., when duties allowed between 1949/50 and 1960 61, has been posted for a year's tour of duty in Bahrein.

PINNELL, Brian J. 1945 -51, who played 199 games for the O.H.R.F.C. 1st XV during the decade 1953/54 to 1962/63, will be in New York until the end of 1968. He would be pleased to hear from any contemporaries of R.F.C. friends who may pass through — 576–1779 (office) and 535–5417 (at home). He sends his regards.

RHODES, Anthony D. (1961–67) has advised that he has changed his name by deed-poll ANTHONY AUTON-RHODES.

SANDERS, Michael J. (1950–57) is now comfortably settled in West Pennant Hills, a suburb of Sydney, N.S.W. Having spent some three months on the kill floor of a meatworks, he reports that he is now far fitter than for the past two or three seasons with the O.H.R.F.C. However, he expects to return to office work early in the New Year — having completed the circuit of the works.

SHELDON, Rudi M. (1937 -42) who has been teaching for a number of years in Manchester, has been appointed Headmaster of a new secondary modern schoo. in Langley, near Slough. He has joined the Berkshire Referees' Society.

SMALL, E.J. (Dicky) (1930–34) was ordained at Wells Cathedral on 21st May 1967.

HABERDASHERS' OLD BOYS' LODGE No.3362

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With October nearly over as this Note is written the Lodge's winter activities have started again. George Goldup has had a full and interesting year as Master and is now looking forward to the Ladies' Festival, over which he will preside, and to the installation of his successor in December.

We have to report the loss of another old member since the last O.H.A. Notes were published, in the death last August of Sydney Bean. Sydney was a keen Freemason and served the Lodge well.

We would like to recruit new members, particularly from among younger Old Haberdashers. Membership of the Lodge provides, apart from the fellowship of Masonry in its wider sphere, a good way of maintaining contact with the Old Boys in a manner quite different and distinct from the Association and its affiliated Clubs.

The Lodge meets four times a year, in London, on the third Saturday of October, December, February and April, and the Secretary will be pleased to give further information to any Old Boy or Master who may be interested.

K.C.H.P.

1930 – 1939 DECADE DINNER

On 2nd June, 1967.

Almost 26 months after the first-ever of these functions, Donald W. Wells presided over a repeat performance of the Decade. This time, the members increased by 13 to 58 and but for the unavoidable absence of "Charlie" Amstein (1936), Harvey Blowfied (1937), Allan Burton (1932)

and Bernard Watts (1937), would have been within measurable distance of the 1950–59 Decade's record attendance of 69. Douglas Bellamy (from Yorkshire) took the long-distance pennant, with Jum Taylor (Grimsby) hard on his heels. Basil Venderkolk (Cardiff), Charles Kropaxy (Lymington), David Sulman (Bordon), Dick Tiddy (Tankerton), Clive Blockley (Wadhurst), Derek Monnickendam (Bracknell), Ernest Offord (Bloxham) and Jack Maynard (Windsor) also appeared to think their journeys worth-while. The Surrey contingent, Spencer Blockley, Leslie Miller, Sam Perkins, Arthur Porletnmouth and Ronald Stanes were also ready for a "free" drink on arrival. Probably Wilfred Taylor doesn't think that Giedea Park is all that near to Boreham Wood, either! Nevertheless, of course, with only about 180 members eligible, the success of the evening depended upon the forty off "Locals".

The Reunion itself was much as before. This particular generation is quite content to entertain itself and would probably fail to understand why the Social Committee is currently wondering what diversions to introduce for the proposed monthly Club Night, starting on 31st March next. The five hours or so passed all too quickly and it merely remained to speculate how many additional "fifties" would have been attained by those attending the 1969 meeting.

As has been said previously, these gatherings owe a debt of gratitude to John Hanson for the very efficient way in which he organises meals which continue to make members believe that the functions are heavily subsidised by some unknown well-wisher. In addition, our thanks are due to the "hostesses" (as one understands, they have defined themselves!) Gwen Blessley, Joan Bavington and Liz Hanson – particularly as our members rated a quarter!

Finally, we wish our paying guests equally successful "seconds" for their own decades on, respectively, June 7th and March 22nd 1968.

Those present were :

Donald W. Wells (1948) President
Donald A. Blessley (1927) – Immediate P.P.
A. T. (Tony) White (1946) – Secretary O.H.R.F.C.

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David S. Andrews (1936)
Arthur N. Batty (1931)
Alan J. Bayliss (1939)
Douglas E. Bellamy (1935)
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Kenneth H. Blessley (1932)
Clive H. Blockley (1933)
Spencer E. Blockley (1937)
J. Basil Blowfield (1933)
Kenneth W. Bridger (1930)
L.F. (Poppy) Brown (1931)
Neil Brown (1933)
Norman F. Brown (1934)
Ellis Cinnamon (1938)
Peter J. Crombie (1937)
William R. Drown (1936)
Idris C. Edwards (1932)
Henry G. Feldman (1932)
George Gail (1930)
Eric H. Godrey (1937)
John V. Goldsbrough (1932)
David H. Gooch (1930)
Sidney G. Gray (1931)
William T. Higgs (1934)
Harold M. Hoffman (1935)
W. John D. Hoste (1938)
Geoffrey T.L. Hubert (1935)
N.E. Denis Hurst (1932)
S. Ray Innocenti (1939)
M.J. (Jumbo) Jackman (1932)
Ivan A. Kayes (1932)
Charles W. Kropacsy (1930)
Laurie Levene (1934)
Jack Maynard (1933)
Leslie J. Miller (1938)
Derek L. Monnickendam (1939)
C. Geoffrey O'Donoghue (1937)
Ernest R. Offord (1933)
Keith A. Olley (1939)
N. Roger Parker (1936)
Stanley Percivall (1933)
J.B. (Sam) Perkins (1938)
Arthur P. Portchmouth (1931)
Ernie W. Smith (1930)
S. Ronald Stanes (1936)
D. Ronald Steele (1935)
David J.D. Sulman (1935)
W.R. (Bobbly) Tanner (1935)
A. Jim Taylor (1938)
Wilfred H. Taylor (1931)
Richard M.B. Tiddy (1932)
Hugh J. Tierney (1932)
Jack A. Tout (1931)
Basil Vanderkolk (1930)
Charles Vincent-Smith (1936)
Arthur S. Wilshire (1932)
Reg. V. Windett (1939)

W.R.T.

BARBECUE

On the evening of 8th July, Old Haberdashers' and their friends gathered for the second event of this type that your Social Committee has arranged.

Having learnt by our mistakes last time more luxurious arrangements were made both for the convenience of the customers as well as for the servers. Succulent joints of chicken were roasted before your very eyes as well as potatoes and sausages. The whole area outside the Clubhouse was gaily lit with coloured lights and the "barbecue" highlighted with spot lights.

We were very pleased to see a small contingent of schoolboys present and particularly we welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Your Committee has arranged another roasting on Saturday 13th July. Why not come along it's great fun.

TENNIS CLUB

The President has been pleased to hear that there is a feeling amongst Members to form an O.H. Tennis Club. There is already a hardcore of Tennis players in the Association and indeed we field a team to play the Schoolboys on Old Boys Day. If you are interested in this venture, please don't hesitate to contact PAUL BRADBROOK, 10 EAST HILL, WEMBLEY PARK, MIDDLESEX, phone: 904–8937.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

As members are no doubt now aware at the A.G.M. the Association, a resolution to increase the subscriptions was successfully passed. Once again here below is the amendment to Rule 6.

To delete Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) and to substitute:–

"(a) Until otherwise determined by the Executive Committee the following rates of subscription shall be applicable namely:–

(i) £2.2.0d. per annum: or

(ii) In the case of a member residing more than fifty miles from Boreham Wood £1.1.0d. per annum: or

(iii) In the case of a former student of the School desiring to join the Association within twelve months of his leaving the School a subscription of £1.10.0d. for the first three years of his membership of the Association.

(b) Subscriptions shall be payable on admission and with the exception of subscriptions payable under Rule 6 (a) (iii) shall be renewable on 1st May each year in advance.

(c) Fractions of a year shall in all cases be reckoned as a full year."

RIVER BOAT SHUFFLE – 1967

On Saturday, 10th June, 1967, the O.H.A. for the second year running, took to the water.

Our boat left Charing Cross Pier at 8.00 p.m. with over 160 members and their friends on board, and proceeded downstream in the general direction of Southend. Unfortunately, whilst the weather on shore was very warm and sunny, there was a cold wind blowing up the river which resulted in many of those on board seeking the warmth and comfort below decks, where, strange to relate, the two bars were to be found. The more hardier amongst those on board stayed on the top deck, dancing to and enjoying the very popular music of the Alexander Relations group.

On the return journey, with the wind behind us, things became very much warmer, both weather wise, and in other respects! So much so in fact that the "Captain" on several occasions had to stop the boat and turn off the power to the group, as, so he alleged, we were in grave danger of sinking his boat by breaking her back, because of the very active dancing that was going on. No comment!!

What more does one require – the weather was sunny, the river calm, the food and beer good, the band in excellent form.

Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, (except perhaps the captain), and after another very eventful evening, we were all returned to Westminster Pier – tired but happy. For anybody who has not been on a River Boat Shuffle, such an evening can be recommended as being most enjoyable.

CLUB NIGHT

As will be seen from the Social Diary contained elsewhere in these notes, it is the intention to hold a CLUB NIGHT at the CLUBHOUSE on the last SUNDAY of EVERY MONTH, starting on Sunday, 31st March, 1968 at 8.00 p.m.

It is hoped that this once monthly meeting will be used by all members of the Association, and their wives, to come out to the Clubhouse in the knowledge that their friends will also be there, and to have a drink and chat with them.

Whilst the plans for these evenings, at the time of writing these notes, are still in the formulative stage, it is probable that table tennis facilities will be provided there Club Nights for those wishing to play, in addition to the Darts Board which is already available. Other facilities will also probably be provided.

Once the plans for these Club Nights have been completed, all members of the Association will be personally advised nearer to the 31st March, 1968 of all the relevant details. However, please make a note in your diary now – Club Night – last Sunday of each month.

NEW MEMBERS

A. Auton-Rhodes (1967)	7 Windermere Avenue, N.3.
D.D.Bennett (1941)	44 Northwood Road, Hilsea, Portsmouth, Hants.
M.J.Bennett (1967)	94 Fallowcourt Avenue, Finchley, N.12.
P.N.Bradbrook (1967)	10 East Hill, Wembley Park, Middx.
M.E.Burrage (1967)	62 Westbury Road, Woodside Park, N.12.
A.J.Chilcott (1966 Dec.)	270 Hurstwood Crescent, Woodside Park, N.12.
M A.Clayden (1966 Dec.)	80 Suffolk Road, North Harrow, Middx.
A S.Craig (1966 Dec.)	58 Gresham Gardens, N.W.11.
K.G.Cresswell (1966)	26 Woodhill Crescent, Kenton, Harrow, Middx.
D.T.Crosthwaite (1967)	175 Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley, Middx.
R.A.S.Czartoryski (1965 Dec.)	63 Kenton Road, Harrow, Middx.
N C.Dobson (1966 Dec.)	9 Slough Lane, Kingsbury, N.W.9.
M Drukker (1966 Dec.)	28 Churchill Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middx.
J.W.A.Dymond (1966 Dec.)	10 The Rise, Deacons Hill, Elstree, Herts.
G.D.Ellis (1967)	Hillingdon, Clamphill, Stanmore, Middx.
C.Fitzpatrick (1967)	42 Crundale Avenue, Kingsbury, N.W.9.
J.R.Fuller (1967)	93 Weston Drive, Stanmore, Middx.
C.J.Gaskell (1966)	7 Sandhurst Avenue, North Harrow, Middx.
S.J.Gaskell (1967)	7 Sandhurst Avenue, North Harrow, Middx.
J.H.Glicher (1966)	24 Grendon Gardens, Wembley Park, Middx.
R.M.Goldman (1967)	12 Charlton Lodge, Temple Fortune Lane, N.W.11.
M.J.Graybow (1950)	16 Links Drive, Elstree, Herts.
J.S.Hammond (1962)	29 Woodville Road, N.W.11.
N.Hockaday (1967)	58 Glendale Avenue, Edgware, Middx.
M.J.Lerego (1966 Dec.)	2 Hadley Ridge, Barnet, Herts
P.J.Lines (1967)	62 Dalkeith Grove, Stanmore, Middx.
J.R.Matthewman (1965 Dec.)	Silverspring, Bagshot Road, Bracknell, Berks.
J.N.Pearson (1967)	99 Francklyn Gardens, Edgware, Middx.
S.R.Rinsler (1967)	42 Eastside Road, N.W.11.
J.C.L.Rowland (1966 Dec.)	43 Kingsway, Wembley, Middx.
R.C.C.Saville (1967)	227 Chase Side, Southgate, N.14.
J.H.B.Scarpello (1966)	Cherry Trees, 27 Craigweil Avenue, Radlett, Herts.
K.L.R.Spence (1946)	Cedar Cottage, The Ridgeway, Radlett, Herts.
J.K.Spittal (1967)	53 Angus Drive, Ruislip, Middx.
M.H.Templeman (1965 Dec.)	103 Watford Way, Hendon, N.W.4.
G.S.Tilley (1966)	21 Blythwood Road, Pinner, Middx.
P.M.Wakely (1967)	92 Erskine Hill, N.W.11.
E.R.Wright (1967)	10 Wickham Close, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

O.H. ATHLETIC CLUB

President : R.A. Phillips, Esq., *Captain :* Julian R. Irwin
Hon. Secretary : Roger M. Simons, 74 West Street, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex. Tel : BYR 8434

The optimism expressed in my last report was justified during the season as at almost all our fixtures we had a dozen athletes. This response is most pleasing, and I trust is an omen for the future although it would seem in athletics that one can never tell.

Early in the year the Club participated in a Vierlauf meeting and came 4th out of 10 teams. The Old Boys League was continued this season with 4 fixtures and in the overall result we came 2nd behind the Old Gaytonions. The Latymerians were 3rd only 4½ points behind us! In the Old Boys Relays, which were held at the Bannister Stadium, Harrow Weald, we came 2nd. On Old Boys' Day after an exciting afternoon we were just able to make amends for 1966 by beating the School by a narrow margin. The black mark of the season was at Merton where we came last out of 11 teams. Everybody who competed tried their utmost but it was to no avail as the standards were higher than in recent years, and we were just not able to make the grade.

On December 16th the Club will be competing in the Thames Hove and Hounds Old Boys' Cross Country Race and we look forward to a further improvement in performances next year. If you would like to join us please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I take this opportunity of thanking all those who have supported the Club over the past year both on and off the track, and especially our Secretary for the hard work that he has put in throughout the year.

J.R.I.

OLD HABERDASHERS' CANOE-KAYAK CLUB

Hon. Sec: John E. Freeman, 20 Woodberry Gardens, Finchley, N.12.
Telephone: 01--445-3679

The last few months have been singularly uneventful as far as actual meetings are concerned, due mainly to the Honorary Secretary's lack of time to arrange them in the light of imminent Finals! We do claim to be a club which concentrates on the more relaxed touring aspect of canoeing, but several of our members have been making valiant efforts in competition, mainly in Slalom, of whom the most successful has been Mike Hillyard.

Mike has been paddling in the kayak class for some years now and has gained the illustrious heights of Division 1 (out of four divisions, plus novices) but this last season has taken up paddling in the new C2 class — two seaters paddled with a single bladed paddle from the kneeling position. He paddled with Mike Ramsey of Chalfont Park Canoe Club and they set themselves up as a formidable crew right at the beginning of the season. Now at the end of the season they have emerged as the first National Champions in the class, after a close duel with the Witter Brothers of Chester Canoe Club and with an excellent International debut at Shepperton against France on October 1st, behind them. At this event they won the C2 event, beating both the other Great Britian crews and all three French crews. We, as a club, congratulate them and wish them well in their efforts in the future.

John Freeman, who narrowly missed promotion to the First Division last year has slipped back this year to near the bottom of the Second Division, where he finds Paul Edwards close on his tail and next season also John Albert who moves up from Division Three. Perhaps a serious eye injury and intensive studying do not make competing in the Second Division very easy!

The Clubs first representative team competed in the Team event at LLANGOLLEN Town Slalom on 21st October and finished 12th out of about twenty. The Team consisted of Mike Hillyard, John Freeman and Paul Edwards — only paddlers of Division One and Two being allowed to compete.

Perhaps that is enough mention of competion in a report from a touring club, but it should be further recorded that Mike Hillyard and John Freeman were amongst the large contingent of British supporters who attended the World Slalom Championships at Lipno in Czechoslovakia in July and Mr. Dudderidge attended the World Wild Water Race the following weekend in his official capacity as President of the British Canoe Union and a member for Europe on the Council of the International Canoe Federation. John and Mike did some touring on several splendid Austrian rivers whilst over there.

Finally it remains to be said that the Club are organising a variety of activities in the near future and anybody interested should contact John Freeman.

OLD HABERDASHERS' GOLFING SOCIETY

President : Sir Harold Parker, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C.
Captain : Stanley Thompson
Hon. Secretary : Michael Beaman,
149 Latymer Court, W.6.
RIV. 1697 and GER 0488

We have had another most enjoyable season, although in terms of results in some respects less successful than in the immediately preceding years. Attendances at the meetings have on the whole been greater than usual and we have played more matches than ever before. For the first time we have played a match against the School and it is good to see that there are at last some younger players turning out. Nevertheless we have on average employed at our meetings 50 per cent more caddies this year than last. There may be some sinister reason for this but on reflection your correspondent has decided that it would be more charitable to attribute it to the end of the squeeze than to our members' advancing years!

RESULTS

Matches

v. Old Elysians	Lost	2 – 1
v. U.C.S. Old Boys	Lost	4 – 2
v. Old Finchleyans	Halved	2 – 2
v. Old Merchant Taylors	Won	3½ – ½
v. The School	Won	2 – 1

Grafton Morrish Tournament

First Round

v. Bolton	Lost	2 – 1

MEETINGS

Spring – at Ashridge

Ryman Cup	E. Hyams	36 pts.
Rugby Salver	R.M. Matthew	34 pts.
Skylark Tankard	J.B. Blowfield	31 pts.

Summer – at Finchley

Captains Prize	M. Beaman	32 pts.

Guests' – at Hadley Wood

Guests' Prize	E.W. Miller (Northwood)	38 pts.
Runner-up	J. Johnson (Finchley)	37 pts.
Members' Prize	M. Beaman (Moor Park)	32 pts.
Runner-up	G.H. Albutt (Northwood)	31 pts.
Foursomes	Ransome & Britton	39 pts.
Runners-up	Hyams & Munro	35 pts.

Autumn – at Ashridge

President's Cup	D. Best	35 pts.
Runners-up	(G.H. Albutt	34 pts.
	(S.E. Phillips	32 pts.
Luke Aggregate Cup	R.M. Matthew	64 pts.
Runner-up	S. Thompson	63 pts.
Hidden Holes	(E. Hyams	
	(V. English	

We were particularly pleased to play our first match against the School and some fine gold was played on both sides. The result was in doubt right until the end, and but for some fortunate putting by the Old Boys, might easily have gone the other way. We have also been pleased to welcome some of the School's players to our meetings at Ashridge and David Best played excellent golf to win the pricipal prize and the Autumn Meeting. It is hoped that the School match will become an annual fixture.

Our match against the Taylors' was also the first of what we hope will be a series and we were perhaps flattered by the result on this occasion. The other results were affected by difficulties in raising sides — it seems that the Society has listened perhaps too carefully to the Government's exhortations to work harder!

It was disappointing to be knocked out of the Grafton Morrish Competition in the first round this year but the event was again a most enjoyable one and we were as usual strongly supported by reserves, caddies, advisers and drinking members. The Lodge Hotel has already ordered a larger supply of port for next year, so we must make every effort to qualify. Our match captain, Eddie Hyams, would be pleased to hear from any single figure hadicap golfer who is not yet a member of the Society.

Next year the Society's Captain will be Basil Blowfield, and we look forward to an enjoyable and successful season under his leadership. To this year's Captain, Stanley Thompson, our best thanks for all he achieved the rare distinction of captaining the Society and getting down to single figures in the same year!

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O.H. CRICKET CLUB

President : D.G. Kenward, Esq. *Captain :* I.C. Smart
Hon Secretary : C.J. Robinson, 83 Norman Cres., Pinner, Middx. Tel: PIN 4016.

Despite an overall record which was hardly impressive, the Cricket Club in general, and captain, Ian Smart in particular can look back on the season with some satisfaction.

The most significant development was, perhaps, the emergence of an opening attack which always threatened, and sometimes managed, to achieve an early breakthrough.

John Matthewman and Roger Wilkinson, both of recent School XIs, shared the new ball with Geoff Wheal. John Ridgley, Alan Lee, David Maconnachie and Ian Smart made up a varied (if sometimes variable) attack, and all had their moments.

Unfortunately, the bowling seldom received the support it deserved in the field. With John Lidington seldom available — the victim of persistent asthma — Chris Robinson, Barry Albone and Ray Kipps took it in turn to miss the stumpings!

The fielding was often ordinary, sometimes appalling and occasionally good. Peter Graham, however, deserves mention as a slip who not only takes catches, but looks to be enjoying it!

The batting was, paradoxically, the most promising and the most disappointing aspect of our performance. The most outstanding individual performances were those of batsmen, and, at best, as at Whiteoaks the batting was brilliant. At worst, it achieved a level not unknown in recent years.

There were, however, signs that the School and Old Boys alike are developing players who consider 200 a reasonable score, and in Ian Smart, the Club has a batsman who, on his day, finds no challenge daunting. Influenced by the refreshing belligerence of his batting, the side usually scored its runs fast, and sometimes accteractively.

Ian's personal aggregate ofsome 550 runs in all games (252 of these in the First XI) was easily the highest. Donald Lundie (291) and David Maconnachie (216 — with few innings) both had fairly good seasons; Derek Kenward and Barry Albone both just managed 200, whilst Doug Gainsborough, playing fewer games, made everyone (himself included) wish he had played more.

Individual 50's were scored by:— Don Lundie (2), Derek Kenward, Barry Albone, Ian Smart, David Maconachie, and Dough Gainsborough.

Individual performances of outstanding quality were few, but by our standards were very good.

John Ridgley's 6 for 21 (V London Hospital) and David Maconachie's 5 for 38 (V Sidmouth) rank as the best bowling performances, each doing much to win the match in question. However, forsaking hard statistics, John Matthewman's spells against Pinner (2 for 31) and Sidmouth (1 for 18) certainly merit praise.

With the bat, Ian Smart served up some rich fare, and his 64, scored in 33 minutes, chasing runs against Whiteoaks, was certainly the most exciting.

In different circumstances, against Pinner, Doug Gainsborough played out time to such good effect that he totalled a defiant 75 not out.

The most attractive, and (in the writer's opinion) the most accomplished knock was Derek Knward's not out fifty against the School, scored enough to turn a likely draw into an exciting victory.

Significantly, these performances always took place in the most memorable and enjoyable games.

Against Whiteoaks, the home side totaled a very impressive 195 (a certain P.C. Shiells being responsible for 50 of these), leaving us a frustrating 3 short of victory at the close.

Against Sidmouth, we yet again amazed the locals by dismissing the strong Sidmouth XI for under a hundred, after we ourselves had managed to score a seemingly inadequate 120.

As ever, the School game was one to win, the moreso since the Schoolside was one of the strongest in recent years. Despite odburate School batting, Derek Kenward with strong support, assured a splendid victory. The Old Boys scored 190 for the loss of 6 wickets in only 146 minutes.

The Devon Tour was, as ever, a great success. Unfortunately, inclement weather restricted the first three days cricket to 7 overs but, despite the resultant increase in moisture level, both external and internal, 2 of the next 4 games were won. The other two were both lost, the final by one run!

The usual group of intrepid adventurers will be venturing forht to South Devon again in June 1968, and would be delighted to welcome fellow tourists — playing or supporting.

As usual, the traditional informality of the function set the seal on a splendid evening of eating, drinking and chatting with friends old and new. Derek, in his inimicable style, touched on the year's happenings and presented Pewter "pots" to Ian Smart for the Fastest 50, and to Peter Graham, in recognition of his feat of scoring 2 centuries for the Old Boys before his 21st birthday.

In turn, Donald Blessley, breaking with tradition, also said a few words in praise of Derek Kenward's many services to the Club, and presented him with the tankard for the person contributing most to the well-being of the Club.

So successful was the event, in the view of the most hardened diners, that it will be certainly be repeated next year.

Returning to the playing aspect, it can be reported that the Second XI and Sunday XI's largely followed the pattern of the First XI. John Whittenbury and Steve Morgan, respectively Captain and V-Captain of the Second XI were usually able to achieve an early breakthrough, but the batting, much in need of experienced assistance, frequently let the side down.

The Sunday XI's performance was variable, and it suffered greatly from an ever changing make-up. There are, nevertheless, indications that a nucleus is being formed in both teams which augurs well for the future.

Significantly, in both these teams, and more especially in the First XI, the average age of the players has dropped sharply, and we are now beginning to find replacements for those senior players who have served the Club so well in the past, but who can now devote less time and energy to playing. In this respect, the future looks indeed rosy.

In 1967, this youthful contingent served the Club well, but it was still upon the more experienced players that the fortune of the sides depended. It was particularely noticeable that the spell of defeats experienced by the First XI occured at a time when the experienced element, in the persons of Messrs. Lundie Kenward and Gainsborough were absent. Youthful exuberance, when not influenced and supported by the "Old Brigade's" knowledge, rapidly became impetuosity. With their continued support, the youngsterscan take the Club's fortunes to greater heights,

Our thanks are due :—

to Ken Blessley, his Ground Committee and to the Contractor, Mr. McLaghlan for ever improving wickets and congenial surrounding,

to the Steward and his wife for the catering.

The finale of the 1967 season was enacted on the 26th October at Plantation House, where Derek Kenward played host to some 80 members and guests at the Clubs Annual Dinner.

to Doug Yeabsley, Colin Done and, of course, to Dr. Taylor for the School's continued support.

to Nobbly Tanner for his scoring and much besides.

to Harold Gainsborough, our unfailing "finger man".

to our supporters, steadfast in their suffering.

to Officers of the Club, especially to Derek Kenward and Chris Robinson for much hard work.

and to the players, above all, without whom nothing is possible.

LEADING AVERAGES

1st XI Batting — Qualification 9 completed innings

	Innings	N.O.	Runs	Highest Score	Average
D.J. Maconachie	10	1	216	57	24.00
I.C. Smart	20	2	352	64	19.55
D.A. Lundie	15	–	291	69	19.40
D.F. Gainsborough	10	1	171	75*	19.00
J.C. Maynard	9	–	156	47	17.30
D.G. Kenward	16	2	206	53	14.70
B.R. Albone	18	2	202	54	12.60

1st XI Bowling — Qualification 12 wickets

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
J.R. Mathewman	135.4	24	358	25	14.32
G.T. Wheal	139.1	25	371	25	14.84
R.M. Wilkinson	85.3	18	228	15	15.20
I.C. Smart	132.4	25	406	25	16.24
D.J. Maconachie	130.4	37	311	19	16.37
J.C. Ridgley	144.0	22	434	26	16.69

Catches 8 B.R.Albone 7 I.C.Smart 6 R.M.Kipps 5 P.F.Graham, J.C.Ridgley.

Stumpings 3 J.A.Lidington 2 B.R.Albone, C.J.Robinson.

Sunday XI — Batting

	Innings	N.O.	Runs	Highest Score	Average
J.C. Ridgley	7	5	118	51*	59.9
C.J. Robinson	5	1	84	38*	21.0
I.C. Smart	8	1	145	53	20.7

Sunday XI — Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
R.M. Wilkinson	33.1	5	75	9	8.3
J.C. Ridgley	96.0	19	279	31	9.0
I.C. Smart	87.3	18	205	21	9.8
G.T. Wheal	49.0	10	106	9	11.6

* indicates not out.

O.H. RIFLE CLUB

President : Lt. Col. R.W. Hewson *Captain :* P.F. Davis
Hon. Treasurer : P.M.A. Peterken, Corpus Christi College, Oxford.
Hon. Secretary : P.L. Redstone, 13 Appledore Close, Edgware, Middx. EDG 5184
Shooting Times : Tuesday evenings 7 — 10. School Range during winter and on specified occasions during the summer — details from the Secretary.

Once again the club has had a highly successful "full bore" season coming 3rd in the Malvern Cup "Past and Present", 1st in the Hertfordshire County Astor and beating both the School and an Athelings (G.B.Cadets) team, in shoulder to shoulder matches. In the Imperial meeting 2 of our members, B.P. Fitzgerald and J. Fuller, reached the final of the major competition. The Queens Prize.

Our future plans include our traditional Christmas shoot held at the School range. Sunday 24th December. All are most welcome and competitions are specially designed so that no skill is necessary.

Old Haberdashers' R.F.C.



R.F.U. – M.C.R.F.U. – HERTS C.R.F.U.
FOUNDED 1923
President: K H.Blessley, Esq., M.B.E.
Captain: N.Fuller
Hon.Secretary: A.T.White, 19 Cannonbury Ave., Pinner, Middlesex.
Hon.Treasurer: D.A.James, 35 Furham Field, Hatch End, Middlesex.

The record of the Club up to the end of October is:–

	Played	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*For*	*Against*
1st XV	9	1	1	7	43	130
'A' XV	7	3	0	4	97	95
Ex 'A' XV	5	2	0	3	36	39
'B' XV	5	2	0	3	40	51
'C' XV	4	2	0	2	38	48

In spite of the poor start to the season, the junior sides have made an excellent come-back. The 'A' XV, in particular, have beaten the 1st XVs of the P.L.A. (17-0) and Law Society (23-3) and have already scored more points for than was scored by the side during the whole of last season. The beginning of this season was marked by the unusually high number of players injured or not available in September and we are indebted to the eleven University players who helped us out during this difficult period. With so many school-leavers going on to University these days, we are only able to field five sides regularly during term time but look forward to running six or even seven sides over Christmas and Easter with the help of the University players and the boys from the School XVs.

The record of the 1st XV by which a Club is judged does not, of course, make good reading. Nigel Fuller has inherited many of the problems of his predecessor including the lack of an experienced fly-half, and, as yet, he has been unable to field his strongest XV because of injuries. The side's win was against K.C.S. Old Boys (6-3) and the draw was gained with the last kick of the game in the return match against Stroud (13-13). Chris Menezies scored a try and a dropped goal against K.C.S. Old Boys and two tries against Stroud. Peter Brasier and Robert Matthewman have made their first appearances in the side this season, and Chris Robinson has re-appeared in the second row. Peter Shiells continues at full back, playing as well as ever.

The thirteenth Old Boys Seven-a-Side Tournament for the Sunday Times trophy which was held on our ground on the 17th September was probably the most successful to date. The weather was fine and a good crowd saw some excellent rugby culminating in an exciting final with the holders, Old Birkonians, beating the Old Dunstablians 16-13 after extra time.

Our congratulations to John Matthewman on obtaining a freshman's trial at his University.

Fixtures for the New Year:

January	6	Old Cranleighans	Thames Ditton
	13	Old Millhillians	Headstone Lane
	20	Tredegar	Osterley (a.m.)
	27	Old Askeans	Boreham Wood
February	3	Sidcup	Sidcup
	10	West Hartlepools	Osterley (a.m.)
	17	Weston-super-Mare	Weston-super-Mare
	24	U.C.S. Old Boys	Osterley

March	2	St. Thomas's Hospital	Cobham
	9	Birmingham	Boreham Wood
	16	Old Rutlishians	Merton
	23	Old Merchant Taylors	Boreham Wood
	30	Guy's Hospital	Honor Oak
April	6	Cambridge	Cambridge
	12	Old Novocastrians	)
	13	Westoe	) Easter
	15	West Hartlepools	) Tour

OLD HABERDASHERS' RUGBY FIVES CLUB

(Affiliated to the Rugby Fives Association)

President : J.R. Newman

Captain : J.R. Whittenbury

Hon. Treasurer : B.A. Stark, 34 Augustine's Drive, Broxbourne, Herts

When the last edition went to press it was possible to give a full report of all our activities for the 1966/67 season. Fives has continued to be played throughout the summer at School on our regular Club nights, and the attendance on these occasions has been most encouraging.

The current season has started better than we have ever begun before with wins over both the Rugby Fives Association and Jesters' Club in the opening fixtures. This is the first occasion when we have defeated both these Clubs in the same season. The School were defeated in the first of our two fixtures with them, while Cambridge University Sparrows won by only 18 points when we played them in their own courts. It was particularly pleasing for us to find, on arrival at Cambridge, that we were to be opposed by one of our own members, Mike Clayden, who had been selected for the fixture, having arrived up there as a Freshman at the beginning of the term. Mike has a long way to go to achieve a half-blue, but the improvement in his play since he went up there was very noticeable.

At our Annual General Meeting, Roy Newman asked that this should be his eighth and last year as President of the Club, and John Whittenbury will be retiring from the Captaincy at the end of this season, which will give the many younger members a chance to take over administrative posts in the Club to take an even more active part for the Club which they have put so much work into.

It is to be hoped that this season's results will compare favourably with the great years we had before moving from Hampstead and the wealth of talent now becoming available suggests that we have not a great deal to fear for the future.

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